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A QUARTERLY RECORD

OF THE WORK OF THE

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Church Building Society

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NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, November the 18th, 1886, at 2 p.m., being the first of the present Session.

Present—The Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX in the Chair.

THE ARCHDEACON OF MAIDSTONE.
Rev. Canon Cazenove.
Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke
Rev. C. A. Jones.
Rev. C. F. Norman.
Rev. Canon T. W. Perry.

John Boodle, Esq.
J. F. France, Esq.
F. H. Rooke, Esq.
Edward Thornton, Esq.
Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund . Mission Buildings					£48	567	(1047
Mission Buildings	Fund				I	91 }'	€ 5047
"R. M. Fund"							336
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. A. Jones, Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9130.—Holloway, S. Saviour's, in the parish of S. Mark's. Dio. London.—A Church is greatly needed here, and when opened will be soon filled. The present iron Church seats 312 and is filled at the Sunday services. The iron Church will remain a parish room when the permanent Church is opened, as there is no such room now, but parish mission work is carried on in a private house. The new Church

is designed to accommodate 702 persons, 351 seats free, and 351 rented. The estimated cost is £5775. Applicant, Rev. A. J. Ard; Architects, Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, London.—£175 voted.

2.—No. 9120.—Southend, All Saints. Dio. S. Alban's.—Deferred under Rule XXXIII.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR DIFFERENT SITE.

3.—No. 9126.—TARLETON, HOLY TRINITY, near Preston. Dio. Manchester.—Deferred under Rule XXXIII.

III. RESEATING AND REPAIRING WITH OR WITHOUT ENLARGEMENT.

3.—No. 9083.—BRIDELL, S. DAVID'S. Dio. S. David's.—This Church was built partly in the fifteenth century, partially repaired in 1806; the building is now very dilapidated. The parish is a very poor one, and consists almost entirely of farmers and farm-labourers, who, in the present agricultural depression, cannot possibly afford to contribute. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant. By the addition thirty-six more seats will be provided. Estimated cost, £528. Applicant, Rev. Alban Alban; Architects, Messrs. Middleton, Prothero and Phillott, Cheltenham.—£25 granted.

5.—No. 8306.—CHISWICK, S. MICHAEL'S. Dio. London.—Deferred.

6.—No. 9086.—CILCENNIN, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. S. David's. This Church was built A.D. 1810, the building is in fair repair structurally but very damp. There is no numerical gain in sittings; a considerable portion face north and south, and are otherwise objectionable; all will now be available and convenient. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant. Estimated cost, £800. Applicant, Rev. T. Jones; Architect, Mr. A Ritchie, Chester.—£25 voted.

7.—No. 9121.—LLANHAMLACH, S. PETER, near Brecon. Dio. S. David's.—This Church was partially repaired in 1802, but is now very dilapidated. A western gallery holding twenty persons has been done away with. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant. Estimated cost, £895. Applicant, Capt. G. H. Pering. Architect, Mr. S. W. Williams.—£25 voted.

8.—No. 9124.—TWYFORD, S. MARY, near Buckingham. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built A.D. 1220. The work has been divided into sections. It is proposed to undertake first the more substantial repairs of the nave, tower and north aisle, providing chairs as temporary seats, at an estimated cost of £1160. The Diocesan Society has promised its grant for this portion of the work. Estimated cost, £2500. Applicant, Rev. H. C. Collier; Architect, M. J. O. Scott, London.—£25 voted.

9.—No. 9106.—WEST STOCKWITH, S. MARY, near Gainsborough. Dio. Southwell.—This Church was built A.D. 1722. Externally the building is in fair condition, but internally very bad; the floors and seats (high box pews), are in a rotten condition, and the windows are falling to pieces. This living is a donative, and has no properly constituted ecclesiastical parish attached. The Church serves as the parish Church for a population of about 800, and the incumbent is recognized as the parish priest. Estimated cost, £523. Applicant Rev. W. H. Gunyon; Architect, Mr. C. I. Gunyon, Chiselhurst.—£30 voted.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

10.—M.B.F., No. 599.—The Old Woodstock Mission Church. Dio. Oxford.—This Mission Building is urgently needed for a district containing a population of 350 people. The nearest Church from the village is at some distance, and on a hill. Besides being used for divine service, Sunday-school and parochial meetings

will be held in this Mission Building. The estimated cost is £700, and accommodation will be provided for 120. Applicant, Rev. A. Majendie.—£30 voted.

II.—M.B.F., No. 600.—BLACKBURN, S. STEPHEN, in the parish of S. Michael's. Dio. Manchester.—This parish has a population of II,000, and the district 3000. The building is to be used as a Day and Sunday school, and as a Mission Church on Sundays. The parishioners are chiefly operatives. It was felt that something should be done to provide for the spiritual wants of the part furthest removed from the Church. The building will hold 300, and the cost is estimated at £2000. Applicant, Rev. S. F. Harris.—£30 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 603.—NORTHAMPTON, S. EDMUND. Dio. Peterborough.—The parishioners of S. Edmund's, Northampton, consist almost entirely of working shoemakers and small tradesmen; the population of the parish is 1200. There is a part of the parish where the ministrations of the Church have scarcely penetrated, in which there are 3000 persons. A disused shoe-factory has been rented for some years for Divine service, &c., but it is very inconvenient. A convenient site has been given for the erection of Mission buildings. The building is to be used for Divine services, Sunday schools and many Parochial gatherings. Estimated cost, £1400; to hold 320. Applicant, Rev. N. T. Hughes.—£35 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 604.—PARKGATE, S. SAVIOUR, near Rotherham. Dio. York.—This Mission Church is for the use of a population of 2000, and is separated from the bulk of the parish. The premises will be conveyed to the Archbishop of York the Archdeacon and Incumbent, and secured for Church purposes. The people are chiefly miners and ironworkers, and are very careless, never attending a place of worship. It is hoped, when this Mission Church is placed in their midst and stirring services provided, they may be aroused and benefited. Estimated cost, £700.

Accommodation for 300. Applicant Rev. E. Wynne.—£30 voted.

14.—M.B.F., No. 605.—SHANKHOUSE, S. PETER, in the parish of Cramlington. Dio. Newcastle.—The site on which this Mission Church is to be erected is let by Lord Hastings at a nominal rent of one shilling per annum for as long as it is required. The building is vested in the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, and Vicar of Cramlington. Shankhouse is a mining village with a population of 2300 souls, and is two and a half miles from the Parish Church, and has been sadly neglected; last year a Mission service was started and has been the means of doing some good. The inhabitants are now desirous of having a Mission Church built, which will hold 180 persons. Estimated cost £200. Applicant, Rev. D. E. Johnstone.—£10 voted.

15.—M.B.F., No. 607.—MANSFIELD, S. LAWRENCE, in the parish of S. Peter. Dio. Southwell.—The population immediately surrounding the proposed building cannot be less than 1000, but new streets are contemplated and marked out and new houses constantly being built. The land will be conveyed to the vicar and churchwardens for the purpose of a Church school and Mission room. It is nearly a mile from the Church, which is crowded. There are no ministrations of any kind in the

district. Estimated cost, £881. Applicant, Rev. A Pavey.—£20 voted.

16.—M.B.F., No. 614.—HUNSLETT CARR, near Leeds. Dio. Ripon.—The district in which this building is to be erected contains a population of 2500, who live half a mile from the Parish Church, but separated from it by a railway. The building is to be used for general Mission work, and also for two Sunday and at least one weekday service. The population are nearly all of the working classes. Estimated cost, £1000; to hold 350. Applicant, Rev. J. Thompson.—£20 voted.

17.-M.B.F., No. 610.-HIGH HEATH, in the parish of Walsall Wood, near

Walsall. Dio. Lichfield.—Deferred.

18.—M.B.F., No. 611.—FULHAM, S. AUGUSTINE. Dio. London.—Deferred.

19.—M.B.F., No. 612.—Arnewood, in the parish of Hordle, near Lymington. Dio. Winchester.—Deferred.

20.—M.B.F., No. 613.—Newtown, in the parish of Mountain Ash. Dio. Llandaff. —Deferred.

V. FURTHER AID.

21.—No. 8634.—Lewisham Church of the Transfiguration. Dio. Rochester.—Additional aid is asked for this Church, as the plans have been revised and enlarged and 103 more free sittings obtained. In July, 1881, £250 was voted towards building the Church. In December, 1882, £200 was paid upon that portion of the Church then completed. £50 still remains to be claimed.—Applicant, H. A. Harvey, Esq.—£25 additional voted.

22. No. 8919.—PENGE, CHRIST CHURCH. Dio Rochester.—This Church has cost £8000 (exclusive of the tower, not yet built), exceeding the original estimate by £500; so that there is a deficiency of nearly £2000. The Diocesan Society have made a second grant. Grant voted July, 1884, £100, and paid it in Nov. 1885. Applicant, Rev. S. Hutchinson.—£50 additional voted, making £150 in all.

completed, and fixed benches are to be used instead of chairs as originally proposed, and in consequence there will be a gain of 166 sittings, for which an augmentation of the grant is asked. Grant voted Dec. 1884, £100.—£25 additional voted, making £125 in all.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:—

No. of	Gran	ıts.		Diocese.			Amount.
	1			York .			30
	I			London.			175
	I			Manchester			30
	1			Newcastle			10
	2			Oxford.			5.5
	I			Peterborougl	h		35
	I			Ripon .			20
	2			Rochester			<i>7</i> 5
	I			S. Asaph			75
	3			S. David's			75
	2			Southwell			50
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	16					Total	£580

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

9 7	•	General Mission	Fund Buildings		£405
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10				Total	£580

A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Office of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster, London, S.W., on Thursday, December the 16th, 1886, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF MAIDSTONE in the Chair.

The Archdeacon of Essex.

Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.

Rev. Canon ERSKINE CLARKE.

Rev. Canon INGRAM.

Rev. C. A. JONES.

Rev. G. MILLER.

Rev. C. F. NORMAN.

JOHN BOODLE, Esq.

J. F. FRANCE, Esq. JAMES HILTON, Esq.

H. GERARD HOARE, Esq., Treasurer.

G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.

Major C. E. WATSON.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:

General Fund . Mission Buildings					£51.	17)	C · ·
Mission Buildings	Fund				9	97 Š?	55244
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. A. Jones, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. G. H. W. Windsor-Clive, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications for aid were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9027.—BELGRAVE, SS. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS, near Leicester. Dio. Peterborough.—Belgrave, now a suburb of Leicester, is of large area, $3\frac{1}{2}\times 2$ miles, and has a large and rapidly growing population, now numbering 10,000, chiefly poor. The ancient Parish Church is at one extremity of the parish, and is of moderate capacity. An iron Church has been in use since 1878. The accommodation has long been wholly insufficient for the needs of the district. At present, only the nave and chancel is to be built, holding 508 persons; when completed, the accommodation will be for 826 persons. Application now made for first portion only, the estimated cost of which is £4655, and the accommodation to be provided is for 508; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. F. H. Richardson; Architect, Mr. G. Vialls, Ealing.—£180 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON NEW SITE.

2.—No. 9104.—PONTYBEREM, S. JOHN, in the parish of Felinfoel, near Llanelly. Dio. S. David's.—It is intended to build a new Church instead of the present Chapelof-Ease, which is too small, inconvenient for the bulk of the inhabitants, and in a dilapidated state. The present old Church is situated on the top of a hill fully a mile distant from the village. The proposed new Church will be built in the centre of the population, close by the village of Pontyberem, which is a rapidly increasing district. The population of the whole parish is 4022 and of the district 1500. The new Church

will contain seats for 322—all free. Applicant, Rev. J. Roberts; Architect, Mr. J. B. Wilson, Swansea.—£100 voted.

III. ENLARGING OR RESEATING, WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9137.—Burley, S. John, near Ringwood. Dio. Winchester.—This Church was built A.D. 1838, assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society; the state of the building is now very bad. The parish is a very poor one, mainly woodmen in the employ of H.M. Commissioner of Woods and Forests, and agricultural labourers. Estimated cost, £1606. Applicant, Rev. S. Wilson; Architect, Mr. W. Butterfield, London.—£30 voted.

4.—No. 8036.—CHISWICK, SS. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS. Dio. London.—This Church was built A.D. 1878, assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society. The inhabitants are principally suburban labourers and shopkeepers; the population of the district is rapidly increasing. It is now proposed to complete the original design by the addition of a north aisle, against which a Parish Room will be built. 177 additional seats will be provided at an estimated cost of £1230. Applicant, Rev. A. Wilson; Architect, Mr. M. B. Adams, Chiswick.—£70 voted.

5.-No. 7737.—HYTHE, S. LEONARD. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church was built A.D. 1220, repaired in 1874 at a cost of £3100, assisted by a grant of £150 from this Society. The chancel roof has since the removal of the tiles been found to be in such a bad state that had it not been seen to at once a fall of snow would in all probability have caused a considerable portion of it to collapse. There are extensive cracks in the north chancel wall, so that the greater part of it should be rebuilt. The present application is for aid towards repairing chancel, at an estimated cost of £2915. Applicant, Rev. T. G. Hall; Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, London.—£40 voted.

6.—No. 9103.—Woolston, S. Mark, near Southampton. Dio. Winchester.—This Church was built A.D. 1864. Enlarged in 1866, assisted with a grant of £40 from this Society. The population of this parish has more than doubled itself owing to the establishment of a large shipbuilding yard, so that there is an immediate necessity for an increase in the Church accommodation. If funds are not forthcoming the spire will not be proceeded with, but it is included in the present estimates, which amount to £1600. 175 seats in this Church are rented. Applicant, Rev. G. Hughes; Architect, Mr. W. White, London.—£80 voted.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

7.—M.B.F., No. 610.—HIGH HEATH, in the parish of Walsall Wood, near Walsall. Dio. Lichfield.—This Building is for the use of a district with a population of 500 inhabitants, who reside nearly two miles from a Church. It will also be used as a day and Sunday school and weekday mission services. Sufficient land has been purchased to erect on it a permanent Church when needed, and then this building will be a school. It will accommodate 135, and the cost is estimated at £190. Applicant, Rev. T. Reakes.—£10 voted.

S.—M.B.F., No. 611.—S. Augustine's, Fulham. Dio. London.—This Mission Church for which help is asked is to be built in the Lillie Road, in the centre of a population of more than 5000, consisting chiefly of mechanics, railway servants, labourers, costermongers, those engaged in laundry work, and the abjectly wretched. This building will, after the erection of the permanent Church, be used as a parochial room. Seats to be provided for 450, at an estimated cost of £450. Applicant, Rev. A. H. B. Brittain.—£20 voted.

9.—M.B.F., No. 612.—Arnewood, S. Andrew, in the parish of Hordle, near Lymington. Dio. Winchester.—There is an increasing population in the northern portion of this parish, at present consisting of about 400 souls. The houses nearest to the Parish Church are about two miles distant from it, the farthest nearly four miles. There is no other Church in the parish. In this parish are the "Shakers," and a Church is all important. At an estimated cost of £350 seats will be provided for 200. Applicant, Rev. S. K. Borton.—£10 voted.

10.—M.B.F., No. 613.—Newtown, in parish of Mountain Ash. Dio. Llandaff.—This School Church is for a district containing 1200 people, who live at a distance from a Church. There is not a house in it valued at £20; all are working-men's cottages, except a public-house. It is the poorest district in the parish. A large sum has been expended recently in Churches, so that the resources of the parishioners have been severely taxed, and but little help can be expected from them. The Building will hold 200, and is estimated to cost £400. Applicant, Rev. B. Lloyd.—

£15 voted.

11.—M.B.F., No. 126.—WHITADDER, in the parish of Berwick-on-Tweed. Dio. Newcastle.—In November, 1871, the sum of £25 was voted towards building this School Church. Application is now made for aid towards improving the building by adding a chancel and making other improvements. The building is used as a National and Sunday school. The district is three miles from the Parish Church. The congregation is entirely composed of farm-labourers. The applicant is a lay deacon to whom the vicar has given the charge. Estimated cost, £75. Applicant, A. T. Robertson, Esq. - £10 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 617.—HERONSGATE, in the parish of Rickmansworth. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Mission Church was built twenty-two years ago on an estate established by Fergus O'Connor in 1848; allotments of two, three, and four acres were balloted for with the view of establishing a peasant proprietary. The scheme failed, and the allotments remain, and are now in the hands of a labouring tenantry, who are respectable and hardworking. An enlargement is now contemplated at an

estimated outlay of £300. Applicant, Rev. C. W. Neild.—£5 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 619.—SITTINGBOURNE. Dio. Canterbury.—This Mission room has needed enlarging, as it became overcrowded every Sunday, and occasionally at meetings on other evenings. Very few of those who attend it are above the class of day-labourers. It is about half a mile from the parish Church, and in the midst of the people. Estimated cost, £230. Applicant, Rev. II. Venn.—£10 voted.

V. FURTHER AID.

14.—No. 8646.—HAMMERSMITH, S PAUL. Dio. London.—It is now proposed to complete the chancel of this Church, and to make it worthy of being the parish Church of a metropolitan suburb, and raising it superior in dignity to an ordinary district Church. To do this will be a costly undertaking. Applicant, Rev. J. Snowden.—£340 voted in November, 1881. £60 additional voted from the "R. M. Fund."

VI. FURTHER AID.—MISSION BUILDING.

15.—M.B.F., No. 609.—STONEBRIDGE, in the parish of Harlesden. Dio. London.
—This Mission Church is nearly completed, and will shortly be opened by the Bishop, there is a large deficiency.—£10 was voted for this work in July, 1886. £20 additional voted.

Summary,	arranged	according	to	Dioceses:—
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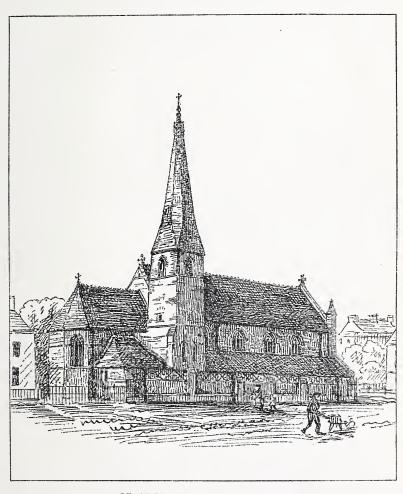
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	I				Newcastle				10	
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S. Stephen's Church, Battersea.

(WILLIAM WHITE, F.S.A., Architect.)

THE Church of S. Stephen's, Kersley Street, Battersea, is on the south side of Battersea Park. This completes, all but one which is now in progress, the number of Churches erected by the aid of the "Bishop of Rochester's Ten Churches Fund," which has granted £4000 towards the £5000 required for the cost of the entire work. The Church has been built to accommodate seven hundred persons, including space for sixty chairs. The population, numbering from 7000 to 8000, consists chiefly of artisans, small shopkeepers, dressmakers, mercantile clerks and others of small means. The Church is built in red and buff bricks, with window tracery and caps and bases of arcades in Bath stone, and the shafts in red Ancaster. The arches are of bricks moulded specially for this building. The ground plan comprises a canted apsidal chancel with aisles, nave with aisles, and a western



ST STEPHENS, BATTERSEA.

Wm White, F.S.A. Arch^t Cost, I, 5,400.



vestibule. The aisles are low and without windows, being lighted by the large windows of the clerestory. There is a small tower on the north side of chancel to take a ring of six small bells. The upper stage is formed to take a clock with four dials, built in moulded brick with a pointed brick for each of the hours. The spire is covered with roofing tiles. There are extensive vestries in a crypt beneath the chancel. The Church has an open timber roof, ceiled with boarding, and covered with plain tiles and crimped ridges. The gables have stone copings and crosses. The passages as well as spaces under seats are paved with wood blocks. The Church is seated with open benches. The organ is fixed on the ground floor of tower above the clergy vestry.

The east window is filled with stained glass from drawings by the architect of the Church. It is being paid for by a fund which is in progress of collection by the Sunday-school children. It represents the condemnation and martyrdom of S. Stephen, with the Crucifixion and Ascension above.

Queen's Jubilee Church House.

Amongst the many institutions which have from time to time been inaugurated for the purpose of benefiting the Church of England and aiding it in its work, there is, perhaps, not one that is likely to have more influence in the future progress of the work of our Church than that of the Church House. The occasion has been taken of the occurrence of Her Majesty's Jubilee for setting on foot a scheme, which, if it is carried out to the full extent designed by its promoters, is likely to be one that will produce great and lasting results. This scheme may be said to have been publicly floated at the great meeting held at the Mansion House, on Friday afternoon, December 10th, 1886. That meeting was, perhaps, one of the largest in point of numbers that has ever been held within the Egyptian Hall at the Mansion House; and any one who attended it could not but have remarked that the speeches delivered were throughout of

a very high character, and the enthusiasm of the meeting was sustained to the very end, although it lasted two hours and a half.

The Archbishop of Canterbury detailed at considerable length the purposes to which the Church House is intended to be devoted. He marked out the wonderful progress the Church has made during the term of her Majesty's reign, and he said that during the last half of this reign it was known that £81,500,000 had been spent on the Church, or at the rate of more than three millions a year, of which one million had been spent on buildings and endowments absolutely essential as a provision for the future. Although it is, perhaps, impossible to estimate with accuracy the amount of money raised and expended on building, enlarging, and repairing Churches throughout the length and breadth of England and Wales, yet the experience of our own Church Building Society fully testifies to the correctness of his Grace's figures.

Viscount Cranbrook, in an energetic and telling speech, pointed out that from the view of a lay member of the Church of England such a building as this Church House was absolutely required in order to consolidate the great work that the Church is doing, not only in this land, but also throughout the world. He could not imagine anything more degrading to the Church of England than that it should have to seek here and there for a place in which the House of Laymen, for instance, could meet. What he protested against on the part of the Church of England was the isolation of its Societies, as if there was not one great Church to which they all belonged.

But, perhaps, the object of this Church House could not be better or more concisely explained than in the letter of the Lord Bishop of London, which he addressed to the Lord Mayor, and which was read out at the meeting. The letter is of such importance that we insert it at full length:—

Fulham Palace, S.W., Dec. 10, 1886.

MY DEAR LORD MAYOR,—I am very sorry that I cannot be at the meeting to day to take my part in explaining the purposes of the proposed Church House, and advocating its claims to support. I am forbidden to attend, and can only beg of you to be kind enough to allow me to say a few words by letter which I would much rather have said with my voice. For I am very deeply interested in the proposal,

and it is my assured conviction that nothing else can be proposed which will more certainly make an epoch in the history of our Church than the provision of such a centre for its business.

It will be a memorial of marvellous activity and marvellous blessings during the reign of a Queen whom the Church loves and honours more than any other Sovereign that has ever ruled this country. It will tell to remote posterity the story of a wonderful awakening here in England, of Christian work carried on all over the world, of steady progress toward the conversion of mankind to the Gospel. It will tell of great and untiring efforts to provide for the spiritual needs of the growing population, of old churches restored, of new churches built, of new parishes formed, of additional clergy everywhere sent forth to labour. It will tell how the great Colonial Church grew from small beginnings to be co-extensive with the dominions of the Queen, and to match the greatness of her Empire.

But it will be much more than this. The Church House will not be a mere record of the past. It will be most certainly a source of fresh life, and will keep up and increase the activity which it commemorates. There is nothing which has a greater or more beneficial effect on all corporate action than perfect ease and freedom of intercommunication between all the parts of the body that is acting. And a centre which shall be the medium of this mutual communion does more for all the separate parts than any one part can do for itself. A centre of action is like the heart in the human body, and its services cannot be supplied by any possible substitute.

The work of the Church is at present perpetually hindered by the friction of insufficient channels of information and of action. Work which ought to be done speedily and energetically is delayed by numberless small obstacles until the energy required for doing it is spent. There is no place where men engaged in the Church's business can find ready access to books, to documents, to officers who can give information. Convocation appoints a committee. It has to find a room where it can meet. Before it has been at work an hour some document or record has to be referred to. It is not at hand. Some special question has to be answered. There is no one within reach to answer. The work has to go on, lame and imperfect as it is. And to the very end it never gets that completeness and trustworthiness which might have been obtained if proper facilities had been supplied. The great Church societies are of necessity very often in need of communication with one another. It is more than thirty years since this need was felt so much that a proposal was made to bring them all under one roof. It would not really be possible to do this, and probably not even desirable. But to establish easy means of communication through a central office would be an enormous advantage.

The fact is that nothing in the world tends more to make work thoroughly efficient than a good centre. No man of business fails to find it a downright necessity for his business. No Government work can be carried on without it. And in the work of he Church, when so much depends not merely on the accuracy and precision of the arrangements, but on the spirit which penetrates and animates the whole, this is even more true than in work of any other kind.

There are many demands now made on the Church for reforms, and readjustment of patronage, of revenues, of administration. The primary need for all such improvements is that the Church should know her own mind. And there is nothing which contributes more toward this than facility of intercourse between all the parts through a common centre. Even those proposals which have been made by some for jubilee memorials other than the provision of a Church House would certainly gain more in course of time from money spent on the Church House than from money spent directly

on the objects aimed at. The parts always gain more from vigour imparted at the centre of life than from isolated and subdivided force applied directly to each part by itself. It has been suggested and earnestly pressed that a Clergy Pensions Fund would be a more appropriate memorial. But such a fund, if it is to be of real value, will have to be maintained not by the dividends of an investment made now once for all, but by the perpetual support of Churchmen convinced of its need. If the Church as a whole gains in vigour and efficiency, that perpetual support is certain to be forthcoming, and in much fuller measure than if we leave the general work to languish while we bestow all we can raise on this single object. To say nothing of the fact that an appeal for a Clergy Pensions Fund as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee would very speedily be met with the response that money for such a purpose ought to be obtained by a redistribution of Church revenues, and that the appeal for this reason would be much less heartily supported than seems to be at present supposed, I am confident that within thirty years the fund itself would gain more from making the Church more generally efficient than from any money that could now be raised.

And, of course, this remark has a very wide application. There is much that is needed in the Church. But the first need of all is to make the Church more completely mistress of her own action. And all improvements will become not only easier to make, but far easier to work, if this be first obtained. And I know nothing that money can do which will contribute more to the attainment of this object than the proposed provision of a central home.

I shall be much obliged, my lord, if you will allow this letter to be read to the meeting. I hope you will find that the Church House is warmly supported by those that are present. I wish I could be with you to witness it.

I trust that you will hereafter have good reason to remember with pleasure that it was in your Mayoralty and under your auspices that the first public meeting was held to explain the proposal that a Church House be erected as a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee. And I shall always have pleasure in thinking that a former pupil of mine took the chair on this occasion.

I am, my dear Lord Mayor, yours very faithfully,
(Signed) J. F. LONDIN.

The following letter from the Lord Bishop of Winchester was also read at the meeting, and the counsel given in the last sentence is well worthy of the attention of all:—

Farnham Castle, Surrey, December 9th, 1886.

MY DEAR MR. BLAKISTON,—I fear I cannot be at the meeting to-morrow about the Jubilee Memorial, which I much regret. Severe illness in my family makes it very difficult for me to leave home. I trust that the meeting will be successful. To fritter away the Memorial by divided efforts, the result of divided counsel, would be most unhappy.

I am, my dear Mr. Blakiston, very truly yours, (Signed) E. H. WINTON.

If this Church House is to be erected in a manner which was termed by several of the speakers as "magnifical," and in a way that shall make it really a memorial of the Queen's Jubilee,





erected by the Church of England as a body, it must not be the work of a few, or by the large contributions of the wealthy, but by the hundreds of thousands of small offerings from Church people in whatever part of her Majesty's dominions they may be dwelling.

Fareham Church, Hants.

THE plan of the proposed new Parish Church of Fareham, Hants, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, of which we give an illustration, will no doubt be interesting to our readers.

The old Church, although it has very little to recommend it in point of beauty, contains nevertheless some features of interest.

The chancel, the date of which is uncertain, is the oldest portion of the original structure, and is a characteristic relic, well worthy of careful preservation. The tower, a solid piece of masonry standing on the north side of the main building, was erected in the year 1742. The nave, chiefly noticeable for its huge dimensions, was built in 1812, perhaps the worst possible period of Church architecture; it is surrounded on three sides by enormous galleries, and is said to be capable of seating upwards of 1400 persons. This is certainly all that can be said in its favour, for it is in every respect devoid of beauty. Since it would be waste of money to attempt to improve or alter this part of the building, it is proposed to demolish it, and build upon the old site an entirely new Church, retaining, however, the old tower, and the old chancel, which will serve as a north aisle of the new chancel. Thus the only features of interest in the existing building will be incorporated in the new.

There is always a great deal to be said in favour of rebuilding a Church upon the old site; the associations surrounding an old Church and churchyard, are, if possible, worth preserving, and although some may deem this a matter of mere sentiment, yet sentiment is too powerful to be entirely disregarded. But in this particular instance not only will the site be the same, but those portions of the old Church which are of any interest, will be carefully preserved and incorporated in the new building.

Another strong argument in favour of this plan is that the sum necessary to complete a satisfactory Church will be considerably less than that required to build an entirely new Church elsewhere. The simple early English character of the old chancel will be carried out in the new nave, south aisle, chancel, and organ chamber. The old tower will be cased with flint and stone, and the lower parts treated as very simple Norman, the upper stages and spire being Early English, the adoption of different styles in different parts, adding to the interest of the building. There is no doubt that the Church thus treated will be, both externally and internally, not only effective but beautiful. The estimated cost is £10,000, exclusive of the spire. Mr. Arthur W. Blomfield, M.A., F.S.A., of 6, Montagu Place, Montagu Square, is the architect.

A Washable Church.

By the Rev. Newton Mant.

TERRA-COTTA is coming to the front as a building material, though masons and trade interests of various kinds are arrayed against it. The Birmingham Law Courts are to be built of it, and Mr. Waterhouse has used it for the Prudential Assurance Company. These are notable examples, but there are plenty more, and the list of terra-cotta buildings is constantly increasing both in town and country. Some of it is very bad, and indifferent castings and ill-fitting joints may often be seen: still, it can be moulded with accuracy, and if it does not stand our climate the failure is probably due to carelessness in its manufacture. It needs treatment of a very special character, and perhaps nothing suits it better than the earliest type of the Italian Renaissance. Few architects appreciate or understand this method, and there are others, both appreciative and intelligent, who have made up their minds that men ought only to worship in Gothic churches. A great need of the present day is a washable interior for churches, concert-rooms, and town-halls, which soon grow black and gruesome in the horrible atmospheric conditions of modern town life. Some day, perhaps, we shall consume our own smoke and use electric light, and another age will have no

smoke to consume, and the electric fluid will serve instead of fuel. Meanwhile we have to build for the present as well as for Paint needs frequent renewal, and marble is extravagantly costly: our remaining alternative is glazed terra-cotta. This material will suggest visions of bath-like tiles and garish colour; but there are more ways than one of adapting the material to internal needs, and tiles need not be used at all. The material is expensive—at least it would cost as much as work of similar design in stone,-but the whole interior need not be lined at once, and the lining might progress bay after bay, commencing with the east, and in the meanwhile, bare bricks cleanly whitewashed might be suffered. In our large towns we want churches equally suitable for worship as for preaching, buildings in which both the altar and pulpit can be seen from all parts, and the choir of singers not too far removed from the rest of the worshippers. No plan fulfils the purpose better than a great hall of three or more squares, say of forty-six feet. The greater the width, the greater of course will be the cost of roofing. there is a vault, the hall will have ample height; but under some circumstances a flat coffered ceiling might be made to look exceedingly fine. Such a ceiling contented the builders of the great basilicas, and if we can get over our prejudices to classic methods, there is no good reason why we should not tolerate flat ceilings.

The Renaissance in England has been too much identified with late conceptions of a coarse and baroque sort, but of this we have had enough. Brunelleschi, Alberti, and Bramante, take us into a purer atmosphere, and a vigorous but refined period of artistic expression. The Church of Sta. Maria delle Grazia, at Milan, is so close to Leonardo's great fresco, that it is well known. Bramante, the designer of its dome, was born in 1444 and died in 1514, and he was at work in classic modes before the death of Gothic art in England. The latter half of the fifteenth century is the period in which to search for Renaissance types for modern treatment of terra-cotta. Though Michael Angelo's work was sumptuous and splendid in the sixteenth century, his exaggerations have perhaps had more to do with the English prejudice of the present against the Renaissance methods than anything else.

It often happens that a Church must be wedged in between the buildings of a street-front. There is but slight tendency now to build our shops and public buildings in the Gothic, and some of the best streets already made for us are classic, and of a kind too good, we would hope, ever to be destroyed. Such are Milsom Street, Bath; Gray and Grainger Streets, Newcastle. There are others not so good, but of like character. Contrast is often useful, and Messrs. Bodley and Garner have expressed their sensible belief in its value in their design for the Liverpool Cathedral, hard by St. George's Hall. Yet, there are places where a Church of comparatively humble scale might be made to work in well with modern surroundings if designed in the early manner of the Italian Renaissance. St. Philip's, Regent Street, is a good example of a Church which, while it arrests attention by the scholarly character of its composition, does no violence to its environment. There is also a good classical front in Great Ormond Street, but unlike St. Philip's, it is not Greek but Italian. The plan of the hall-like Church which we suggest would not include a structural choir and chancel, but a town church is practically more useful without them. The great perpendicular churches had often no structural chancels, though the eastern bays were screened off for choir and altar. same arrangement could be pursued in the plan before us, and the screen might either be high or low. If low, it might be a simple fence of iron, or if money could be found, a marble balustrade would look stately and dignified.

The walls would be broken up by internal buttresses into bays, and the window openings would be high up above the cornice. The more elevated the lights in a town the better, but with terracotta lining of creamy white tone and glazed, a little light would go a long way. No great quantity of colour would be needed. There should be a grand focus at the altar end, and there gilding might be used, and, with care, some colour. A great classic reredos with pilasters, pediment, and panels filled with relievi, might well take the place of an east window. The relievi could be added gradually, and meanwhile the panels might be filled with temporary cartoons. It is better to begin with a great shell and furnish gradually, than to insist upon immediate completeness

of detail and rest contented with a mean ideal. An unfinished interior stimulates the offering of special gifts. The organ might be divided between the two bays of the choir, and the case should be carefully thought out. There are plenty of excellent existing examples, and Mr. Arthur Hill's book supplies several on paper. There need be no difficulty about dividing the organ, for pneumatic tubular action can be made to work with unfailing accuracy.

The plan would be better without an apse, as the rectangular termination is so distinct a mark of our ecclesiastical history. The walls might be panelled with wood up to eight or ten feet, and in each bay a picture might be hung, or fixed to the woodwork. Above the panelling and beneath the cornice, there might be a large decorative picture in terra-cotta frame, or else a piece of relievo. The gas-brackets would be well placed on the eastern face of the piers. Smart tiles for the floor must be avoided; wood blocks would answer in the nave, and nothing would look better than black and white marble in the chancel. The pulpit should be large, and dignified with an imposing staircase and good canopy; it might be placed in the first bay outside the choir, and if the preacher faced south, he would command both the choir and people. On another occasion we will enter more at length into the arrangement of the basement, vestries, chapel, and west end and west front. The roof might be lined with terra-cotta, though some people might object to the constructional method which such treatment would involve. These questions demand a paper to themselves.

Reviews, Kotices, &c.

Messrs. Rivington have issued a further instalment of Oxford House Papers, Nos. X.—XIV., all written by men of mark in the University. The Rev. R. L. Ottley deals (No. X.) with the important subject of the Discipline of Self. Dr. Sanday's contribution is a scholarly historical essay on "What the first Christians thought about Christ" (No. XI.). The Rev. A. Chandler writes a brief reply to certain points in Mrs. Besant's "Freethinker's Text-Book," and he deals with morality as taught by Christ Himself, as contrasted with the counterfeit morality of his opponent (No. XII.). Mr. H. O. Wakeman gives a layman's view of "What Christianity has done for England" (No. XIII.); and the Hon. J. G. Adderley, B.A., the present head of the Oxford House, Bethnal Green, furnishes what might be styled a lay ermon on the text "Jesus Christ to-day." These tracts are of varying merit, and

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probably rather over the heads of most of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood of the Oxford House; but no Churchman can doubt that they would serve a very good purpose if widely distributed in men's clubs and such places, where discussions of religious questions are carried on by minds of no mean intellectual power, if of imperfect education.

We have read Canon Luckock's The Bishops in the Tower (Rivingtons) with much interest. It is an historical sketch of Church life, activity, and opposition of a period centring in the event which gives its title to the book. In the present state of things, it is somewhat difficult on the one hand to realize the utter worldliness and practical ungodliness of many professing Churchmen in high life, as on the other hand it is encouraging to read of the unflinching courage of those who held matters of faith to be of greater moment than any advantage the world could offer.

Received with thanks: - Household Prayer (Rivingtons), by G. T. Duncombe, mainly taken from the Book of Common Prayer and from Dr. Hook's "Book of Family Prayer." An Essay On Certain Questions concerning the Book of 70b, by the Rev. W. H. B. Proby (Rivingtons). Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons). The National Church.

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Special Appeals.

S. MICHAEL'S, STONEBRIDGE, WILLESDEN.—Funds are urgently needed in behalf of the above. The Church has peculiar and great difficulties to contend with. Donations thankfully received by the Rev. W. Irwin, Home Missionary in charge of District.

MOUNTAIN ASH, GLAMORGAN.—In consequence of the rapid growth of the population (and that a bilingual one) during the last few years, the providing of adequate Church and Sunday School accommodation has been a severe tax upon the energies and generosity of our Church friends. Four years ago a new district Church was built at a cost of nearly £2000. About two and a half years ago £1000 were expended upon the enlargement of the Parish Church. A new Welsh Church is now approaching completion, which will cost about £1600, and will accommodate 330. About £200 are still required for this. Another difficulty has now to be met. Hitherto, two Mission Services and a flourishing Sunday School have been held in one of our Day Schools, but this School has lately been bought by the School Board, and we are therefore to discontinue the use of it in future. Therefore, provision must be made at once for the continuance of the good work which is being done (chiefly by laymen) in this district. A free site has been secured for the erection of a cheap Mission Building with two class-rooms for Sunday School, and it is hoped the cost will not exceed £400. The Bishop of Llandaff has voted £80 out of his Special Fund, and the Incorporated Church Building Society has made a grant of £15 towards the building. The inhabitants of the parish are almost all of the collier class. We are therefore compelled to make an earnest appeal for help to the friends of the Church generally. Any contribution would be most gratefully received by B. Lloyd, Vicar.

HAMMERSMITH PARISH CHURCH.—Consecration fixed for July 2nd. Funds urgently required. Not to throw the workmen out of employ in winter, the Committee have signed the last contract. They trust for public help. A Metropolitan Parish Church ought to be of superior dignity, and this Church will rank among the finest of modern Churches. But the duty, which increase of population has thrown on the Parishioners, is too heavy for them without outside aid. Our Parish Churches are a matter of concern for the whole Diocese. Donations will be thankfully received by W. Mussared, Esq., Windsor Lodge, Hammersmith.

S. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION,

URGENT APPEAL

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE

NEW CHURCH OF S. AUGUSTINE, FULHAM.

FULHAM is the most rapidly increasing suburb in the Diocese, and the Parish of S. Andrew has a population of upwards of 23,000 people, and is annually growing at the rate of about 3000.

The Church, for which immediate help is asked, is to be built in the Lillie Road, in the centre of a population of upwards of 6000, consisting chiefly of mechanics, railway servants, labourers, costermongers, those engaged in laundry work, and the

abjectly wretched.

The Mission Work is being carried on with great earnestness and devotion by a staff of three Clergy; it is cordially and eagerly welcomed by the people, who appreciate the effort which is being made for their good. The Services are crowded, and many have to be turned away for want of room; the Mission premises, which have been most generously provided by a lady, are already quite inadequate and insufficient for the spiritual needs of the neighbourhood, and if the Church is at all to do her duty to the poor of this district, it is absolutely necessary that further means of evangelization should be at once provided.

The Mission is the centre of a large amount of work, including Sunday Schools, Mothers' Meetings, Clubs for Men and Youths, and for Young Women, Adult and Juvenile Temperance Work, Penny Bank, Provident Societies, Bible Classes, Debating Society, Popular Entertainments, Out-door Services, &c., all of which are heartily appreciated. It is in contemplation to largely increase the work of the Mission as soon as additional room can be obtained.

It is intended that the erection of the Church shall lead to the formation of a new parish. The complete scheme therefore embraces the erection of Church and Vicarage, Mission Church, Schools, Workmen's Club and Institute, &c.

The parish is very poor, and unable to command much money. This appeal is made in the confident hope of securing the generous assistance of the Church at large, and the appeal will not be made in vain.

APPROVAL OF THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

"I recommend this Appeal."

F. LONDIN.

Commendatory Letters have also been received from the Archdeacon of Middlesex and the Rural Dean of Fulham.

DONATIONS may be paid into "S. Augustine's Church Building Fund," at the London and County Bank, High Street, Kensington, W., or to the Rev. A. H. B. BRITTAIN, Curate-in-charge, 102, Lillie Road, Fulham.

Postal Orders and Post Office Orders should be made payable at Lillie Road, Fulham, S.W.

CHURCH RESTORATION. WHO WILL HELP?—Funds greatly needed. Parish agricultural and very poor. Church ancient and full of interest; tower must be rebuilt without delay; fabric much dilapidated. Sum required £2300; more than half already promised. The smallest amount (by P.O. or stamps) thankfully received by the Rev. H. C. Collier, Twyford Vicarage, Buckingham.

PROPOSED PERMANENT CHURCH for District of SAVIOUR, HOLLOWAY, N., part of S. Mark's, Tollington Park, London.—This is one of the L.D.H.M. Districts: population over 4000; Iron Church seats 312 adults, filled to overflowing. Accommodation greatly needed. Site secured by grant of £1205 from B.L.F. Designs by Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, approved and ready, for Church to seat 702, and to cost £5750, exclusive of tower and spire, but inclusive of all charges and fittings. Amount already promised or subscribed £2745, including the following sums:—Incorporated Church Building Society, £175; Diocesan Church Building Society, £100; Bishop of London's Fund, £1000; R. C. L. Bevan, Esq., £250; Congregation, £500; and Trustees (J. D. Allcroft, F. A. Bevan, C. H. Bousfield, Esqs., Revs. F. E. Wigram, C.M.S., and Canon Hurst), £700. Large and flourishing Sunday Schools, Band of Hope, Children's Services (in Board School), Clothing Club, Penny Bank, &c., conducted in private houses, there being no Parish Room. Erection of Church will not only supply seats to whole families who have applied in vain, but also leave present Iron Church available for meetings and other parochial purposes. FUNDS GREATLY NEEDED if the Church is to be built, as contemplated, this Jubilee year. Congregation comparatively poor, but contributing generously. Donations earnestly solicited, and may be sent to the Bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C., or they will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by the Clergyman in charge, the Rev. A. J. Ard, M.A., 75, Hanley Road, Crouch Hill, London, N.

SOUTHEND, ALL SAINTS, in the Parish of Prittlewell, Essex.—Funds are urgently needed for the completion of the Church. The district is almost entirely inhabited by artisans, brickmakers, and labourers. £2500 required. Amount already subscribed, £1500. The Diocesan Church Building Society has made a grant of £60, and the Incorporated Church Building Society has been applied to for a grant. A temporary Church has been in use for nine years, but the rapidly increasing population has outgrown the accommodation. There are frequent celebrations of Holy Communion; a surpliced choir of men and boys, chiefly of the district; a large and increasing Sunday School; Workmen's Club, Branch of Church of England Temperance Society; a Communicants' roll of 160; and daily service morning and evening. Any subscriptions will be thankfully acknowledged by Montagu Burnett, Vicar, or Hon. E. A. Henley and T. F. Barrett, Esq., Churchwardens.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF STOCKLAND, DEVON, much needs restoration, many of the seats falling into decay. It also needs warming, the great coldness in winter keeping many away. Help is urgently solicited, the population consisting only of small farmers and agricultural labourers.

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IT is with unfeigned regret that we have to put on record the announcement of the decease of one of the oldest members, and latterly one of the most regular attendants at the meetings of the Committee of this Society. Archdeacon Harrison passed away peacefully at 8 a.m. on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B.V.M., 1887, in his eightieth year. He presided at the monthly meeting of the Committee as recently as the 17th of February last. His great store of learning, his ready wit, his unfailing geniality, and his dignified bearing will not easily be forgotten. His loss will be felt in another way, for, according to his means, he contributed liberally to the funds of the Society.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, January the 20th, 1887, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the Archdeacon of Maidstone in the Chair.

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The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9141.—CADOXTON, near Cardiff. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

2.—No. 9136.—GUNNERSBURY, S. JAMES. Dio. London.—This district is taken out of the parishes of Old Brentford, S. George, and Christ Church, Turnham Green; and has a population of 1700. A grant is asked for the nave, aisles, and baptistery, as those are the portions only that are now to be built, at the cost of £5045. A Church is very urgently needed, as the temporary one is quite insufficient. The first portion of the new Church will contain seats for 510 persons, half free, half pewrented. Applicant, Rev. C. N. Whitfield; Architects, Messrs. Chatfield Clarke and Son, London.—£50 voted.

3.—No. 9101.—HARTON COLLIERY, ALL SAINTS, in the parish of Harton, near South Shields. Dio. Durham.—The population of this district is now 2000. The new Church will seat 295 persons; all seats free. It will be a Chapel-of-ease. Estimated cost, £2525. There are no landowners to whom to apply for help, as all the land belongs to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The only employers of labour are the Harton Colliery Company and the N.E. Railway Company; the former will subscribe to the Church, but the Railway Company are prevented by their rules from doing so. Applicant, Rev. A. A. Phillpotts; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£75 granted.

4.—No. 9110.—IPSWICH, ALL SAINTS, in the parish of S. Matthew. Dio. Norwich.—The population of the whole parish is nearly 10,000, and this district has increased in population from 2400 to 4700 in nine years, and is still increasing rapidly. The district is a very poor one, 4000 of the inhabitants living in small cottages. The new Church will hold 512 persons, all seats free; and is estimated to cost £3658. Applicant, Rev. R. H. Cautley; Architect, Mr. S. Wright, Morecambe, Lancashire.—£100 voted.

5.—No. 9120.—SOUTHEND, ALL SAINTS, in the parish of Prittlewell. Dio. S. Alban's.—The resident population of the whole parish of Prittlewell is in winter 12,000. In the summer-time this is often increased threefold. Another Church is very much wanted, and must soon be taken in hand if the Church is to hold her own. Dissent is very strong, and of a markedly political kind. Southend is the headquarters of the so-called Reformed Church of England, and its Bishop lives here. The Peculiar People, too, are a large body. The new Church will accommodate 468

persons, all seats free; and is estimated to cost £4300. Applicant, Rev. M. Burnett;

Architect, Mr. J. Brooks, London. -£150 voted.

6.—No. 9122.—WALLSEND, S. LUKE, near Newcastle. Dio. Newcastle.—The district is inhabited almost entirely by the working classes, and is likely to increase largely and rapidly when trade revives. At present the population of the whole parish is 8156, and of the district 5000. The new Church is to hold 540 people; all seats free. Estimated cost, £4050. Applicant, Rev. J. Henderson; Architects, Messrs. Oliver and Leeson, Newcastle.—£50 voted.

7.—No. 9137.—WANDSWORTH COMMON, S. MARY MAGDALENE. Dio. Rochester.—A temporary brick Church in this district was built sixteen years ago, in

which a good congregation has gathered together. This building only holds 300, and is too crowded for proper worship to be duly observed. This temporary Church is also constantly out of repair. A larger Church is urgently needed. Several outlying portions of other parishes will probably use the new Church, as it will be nearer than their own. It will hold 560; all seats free. The cost is estimated at £5058. Applicant, Rev. W. S. Shuttleworth; Architect, Mr. B. E. Ferrey, London.—£200 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

8.—No. 9129.—BOTHENHAMPTON, near Bridport. Dio. Salisbury.—The present Church is altogether insufficient in size and inconveniently situated; and is, in every respect, one of the worst in the diocese. The rebuilding has been contemplated for many years, but hitherto has fallen through from lack of funds. Forty-eight new seats will be added; all free. The estimated cost is £1250. Applicant, Rev. J. Temple; Architect, Mr. E. S. Prior, London.—£60 voted.

9.—No. 8757.—HUDSWELL, S. MICHAEL, near Richmond. Dio. Ripon.—Deferred. 10.—No. 9116.—SHELLEY, S. PETER, near Ongar. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church was built A.D. 1810; the structure is absolutely dilapidated, owing to bad construction, want of foundations, bad roof, and neglect. It is not possible to repair it, nor is there one single feature worth preservation. Seventy-one free seats will be added. Estimated cost, £2000. Applicant, J. Allen, Esq.; Architects, Messrs. Habershon and Fawckner, London.—£40 voted.

The present Church was built A.D. 1719, in a very inconvenient situation. It is unchurchlike in external appearance, and inadequate and uncomfortable in its internal accommodation and arrangements; it is situated at the extreme end of the parish, which is a very extensive one (5553 acres). It is now proposed to erect a Church, well situated and well arranged. The old building will be kept as a mortuary chapel. The estimated cost is £5500, and it will accommodate 400 persons; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. R. C. Fletcher; Architect, Mr. W. Bassett Smith, London.—£80 voted. 12.—No. 9138.—Dodbrooke, near Kingsbridge. Dio. Exeter.—Deferred.

III. FURTHER AID.

13.—No. 9004.—SNEINTON, S. ALBAN, near Nottingham. Dio. Southwell.—On account of Rule XXXIII., only a small grant could in the first instance be made in this case. An application for further aid was at the time suggested. £9089 has been received out of the £13,068 required, leaving a deficiency in the funds of £3979. Applicant, Rev. F. Boag.—Grant voted 16th July, 1885, £40. This grant is now cancelled, and a grant of £200 from the "R.M. Fund" voted.

14.—No. 9015.—FOREST SIDE, S. MICHAEL, in the parish of Sutton-in-Ashfield, near Mansfield. Dio. Southwell.—On account of Rule XXXIII., only a small grant could in the first instance be made in this case. An application for further aid was at the time suggested, and is now made. The population of the whole parish is 10,550, and 3900 in the district.—Grant voted 16th July, 1885, £40. £60 now added, making £100 in all.

IV. Mission Buildings.

15.—M.B.F., No. 618.—CWMDARE, in the parish of Aberdare. Dio. Llandaff.—This building is for the use of a district containing a population of 700, who reside nearly two miles from a Church. The whole population of the parish is upwards of 30,000. Full services will be held in the building, and Sunday-schools in English and Welsh. The Mission Church will seat 157, and is estimated to cost £650. Applicant, Rev. R. B. Jenkins.—£40 voted.

16.—M.B.F., No. 620.—Ede's Fields, in the parish of S. Luke, Reigate. Dio. Rochester.—The tenure is derived from Smith's Charity Trustees at a rent of 1s. per annum, the Trustees having power to remove the room when the lease expires. The room will be used for mothers' meetings and working men's club; also for services on Sunday and weekdays. A layman has been specially licensed by the Bishop to take these services. It will hold forty people, and the estimated cost is £100. Applicant, Rev. M. C. Baynes.—£15 voted.

17.-M.B.F., No. 619.-TOLLINGTON PARK, S. MARK. Dio. London.-

Deferred.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.—FURTHER AID.

18.—M.B.F., No. 549.—DUDLEY, in the parish of Killingworth, near Newcastle. Dio. Newcastle.—A substantial stone structure in good ecclesiastical style has been built, but owing to the long depression of trade sufficient funds have not been forthcoming, and there is a deficiency of more than £100. Applicant, Rev. J. S. Blair.—£25 was voted in 1886: £5 now added, making £30 in all.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

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I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 8922.—CWMTILLERY, in the parish of Abertillery, near Newport, Mon. Dio. Llandaff.—In June, 1884, the sum of £100 was voted towards building a Church, but the plans then submitted and approved proved too expensive. Others less costly were supplied by the same architect and approved, but the lowest tender on the amended drawings was so much over the estimate that money could not be found to carry them out, and these plans had to be dropped. Altogether fresh plans are now submitted by another architect. The parish contains a population of 6000, and the district 2500. The new Church will hold 305, all seats free; and the estimated cost is £1200. Applicant, Rev. H. Walters; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.—£100 voted.

2.—No. 9059.—CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

3.—No. 9146.—LATIMER ROAD, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. London.—This district is one of the poorest in West London, and is taken partly out of Kensington, and partly out of Hammersmith. The population is poorer than it was when the applicant first took charge of it on behalf of the Harrow School Mission in 1883. It is calculated that Old Harrovians and friends to Harrow had raised the large sum of £10,000 since the Mission had been started. The Church will hold 516 persons; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. W. Law; Architect, Mr. R. Norman Shaw, London.—£250 voted from the "R. M. Fund."

4.—No. 9149.—SOUTH SHIELDS, S. AIDAN. Dio. Durham.—This district, containing 5500 inhabitants, has recently been formed out of three parishes in South Shields. Divine service and Sunday-schools are being carried on in an old skating-rink, the only place available; there is no other place of worship or even a Sunday school, either Church or Dissenting. The inhabitants are mainly dependent on the shipping industry, which is at present in a very depressed state. In the past

twelve years, six Churches have been built and five restored in South Shields. This one will hold 612 persons, all scats free; and the cost is estimated at £4140. Applicant, Rev. L. D. Evans; Architect, J. H. Morton, South Shields.—£200 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

5.—No. 9144.—Colwyn Bay, S. Paul, in the parish of Llandrillo-yn-Rhos. Dio. S. Asaph.—This application is for the rebuilding of a Church burnt to the ground. There is now no Church accommodation for about 1800 people, except what can be provided in the Public Hall, holding 600 people, at the rate of 20s. a Sunday. Eighteen years ago there were no houses at Colwyn Bay. The whole of the land belongs to a Manchester Estate Company, three-fourths of whom are Nonconformists, and refuse to subscribe anything, but are contributing largely to the building of a Wesleyan chapel to cost £13,000. At present the nave and transepts are to be built, to meet the immediate and urgent requirements. The whole Church will contain 730 persons, all seats free; and the estimated cost is £8045. Applicant, Rev. W. V. Williams; Architects, Messrs. Douglas and Fordham, Chester.—£150 voted.

6.—No. 8757.—Hudswell, S. Michael, near Richmond. Dio. Ripon.—This Church was consecrated on November 5th, 1885. The plans were approved by the Society, and permission given to proceed with the work without prejudice to the future consideration of the application. The new Church will hold 150 persons, all seats free; and the estimated cost was £1666. There is still a deficiency of £321 in the funds, and all local resources are exhausted. The population is expected to increase rapidly, as boring operations for coal and iron are now going on. Applicant, Rev. J. E. Torbett; Architect, Mr. G. Wheelhouse, London.—£50 voted.

III. ENLARGING OR RESEATING, WITH REPAIRS.

7.—No. 9151.—Anderby, S. Andrew, near Alford. Dio. Lincoln.—This Church was built A.D. 1762. Repairs are now urgently needed, and the chancel needs enlargement. The parishioners, who are terribly impoverished by the agricultural depression, are giving what they can, but that is little, and there are few persons connected with the parish from whom any help can be obtained. The cost will be £620. It is proposed to use chairs if funds are not forthcoming, and this will reduce the cost by £60. Applicant, Rev. J. Bond; Architects, Messrs. Kirk and Sons, Sleaford.—£20 voted.

8.—No. 9148.—CASTLECARROCK, S. PETER, near Carlisle. Dio. Carlisle.—This Church was rebuilt A.D. 1828, assisted by a grant of £60 from this Society; it has never been repaired since, except in the ordinary way of mending, and the building is now very dilapidated. The Bishop of Carlisle thought it desirable that as little alteration as possible should be made in the exterior. Estimated cost, £500. Applicant, Rev. R. J. O'Gorman; Architect, Mr. W. Marshall, Naworth, Carlisle.—£15 voted.

9.—No. 9138.—Dodbrooke, S. Thomas à Becket, near Kingsbridge. Dio Exeter.—This Church was built in the fourteenth century, and repaired in 1827, assisted by a grant of £40 from this Society. The building now requires substantial repairs. The renovation, according to the present plans, will restore the Church to ts original size and shape, by rebuilding the north aisle, which was pulled down at the time of the Reformation. The estimated cost is £1680. Applicant, Rev. J. E. Surridge; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£50 voted.

10.—No. 8171.—NEWCASTLE, S. MATTHEW. Dio. Newcastle.—In July, 1877, the sum of £300 was voted towards building this Church, but a portion only was

then built at a cost of £4400, providing accommodation for 446 persons, upon which £200 was paid in February, 1880; nothing further was done, and the remaining £100 was cancelled in 1883. Application is now made towards the completion of a further portion of the Church. Applicant, Rev. O. Churchyard; Architect, Mr. R. J. Johnson, Newcastle. -£50 voted.

11.—No. 9142.—Poynings. Dio. Chichester.—This Church was built A.D. 1370, is a structure of unusual beauty and interest, and is one of the best examples of Early Perpendicular work. The chancel has been repaired and re-roofed, and the south transept partially repaired at the cost of the rector. The north transept has been re-roofed and put into substantial repair by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests. The nave, porch, and tower are the only portions of the Church for which the parishioners are liable, and for which application is now made. Estimated cost, £800. Applicant, Rev. T. A. Holland; Architect, Mr. E. Christian, London.—£20 voted.

12.-No. 7458.-REDBROOK, S. SAVIOUR, in the parish of Newland, near Coleford. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This Society voted a grant of £100 towards building this Church, but as local funds were not sufficient to complete the Church as designed, the building committee resolved to build only the nave at that time, and to leave the rest for a better opportunity. The grant of this Society was consequently reduced to £50, and the remaining £50 was reserved for five years, and then cancelled. The present, therefore, is a fresh application. The estimated cost is £650. Applicant, Rev. W. Smith; Architect, Mr. J. P. Seddon, London. -£25 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

13.-No. 9013.-WILLESDEN, S. ANDREW. Dio. London.-The part of this Church now to be built will accommodate 500 persons, at a cost of about £7500. The original estimate for the entire Church was £9000, but it will cost not less than £12,000. Applicant, Rev. J. A. Rawlins; Architect, Mr. J. Brooks, London. -Grant of £200 voted 16th July, 1835. £50 added, making £250 in all.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.

14.—M.B.F., No. 615.—BROOKFIELD, S. MARY. Dio. London.—The district of Brookfield, S. Mary, has but recently been made a separate parish, and now there is great need for a parish room. At present there is no room available for Sundayschools or meetings of any description. The Sunday-school is at present held in the Church at considerable inconvenience to scholars and teachers. The new building will hold 400, and the estimated cost is £1700. Applicant, Rev. J. F. Cooke.— £25 voted.

15. -M.B.F., No. 621.-NOTTING HILL, CHRIST CHURCH. Dio. London.-This new district is situated at the extreme north of the civil parish of Kensington. The population numbers 8200, and consists entirely of working people and small shopkeepers. Each house is occupied by several families, and there is scarcely a resident in the district who can afford to employ a domestic servant. A Church was built five years ago, and is entirely out of debt; but in a parish like this a building for general purposes is as much needed as a Church. The new building will hold 210, and is estimated to cost £1000. Applicant, Rev. E. W. Clarke. -£25 voted.

16.-M.B.F., No. 619.—TOLLINGTON PARK, S. MARK. Dio. London.—This building will be central to about 5000 working people who live at some distance from the Church. A freehold site has been secured at a price not more than half of that for which land is usually sold in the same locality. The building is to be used for social gatherings, working men's clubs, Bible classes, on Sundays as a Sunday-school, and on Sunday evenings for evangelistic services. It will hold 550; and the esti-

mated cost is 12500. Applicant, Rev. Canon Hurst. - 120 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 623.—Trelewis, in the parish of Gelligaer. Dio. Llandaff.—This parish is eight miles in length and five miles in breadth. There are three different districts in which Mission Churches have been built, assisted by grants from this Society. The village in which it is proposed to build this Mission Church contains a population of 700, and increasing; the parish Church is three miles distant. It is a colliery district, and there are few people who can help in it. This Church may be consecrated at some future time, but not for some years. It will hold 203; and is estimated to cost £1000. Applicant, Rev. J. L. Meredith.—£40 voted.

VI. MISSION BUILDINGS.—FURTHER AID.

18.—M.B.F., No. 587.—MOUNTAIN ASH, S. DAVID. Dio. Llandaff.—Every exertion has been made to raise the requisite funds for the erection of this Mission Church, but unsuccessfully, as there is still a deficiency of £200, and the applicant is anxious to open it free of debt. Another Mission Church must shortly be erected, as it is unusually difficult to provide sufficient accommodation in mining districts, and especially where the population is a bilingual one, as it is in this locality. It will hold 341, and the cost was estimated at £1400. Applicant, Rev. B. Lloyd.—£20 voted, December, 1885. £10 added, making £30 in all.

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The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.-No. 9059.-CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG. Dio. Llandaff.-Deferred.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

2.—No. 9156.—RUDDINGTON, S. PETER, near Nottingham. Dio. Southwell.—The date of the original erection of this Church is not known: the tower and chancel are the only remaining features of the old Church; the nave was rebuilt A.D. 1718, and enlarged in 1821, assisted by a grant of £500 from this Society. The present Church is utterly destitute of architectural design, and as it has been found impossible to enlarge with any degree of success, it is determined to rebuild (except the towers). Ruddington was formerly a Chapel-of-ease to Flawford, about a mile distant; both Church and village of Flawford have entirely disappeared. The estimated cost is £7550. Applicant, Rev. F. Boykett; Architect, Mr. A. T. Bell, Manchester.—£50 voted.

III. ENLARGING OR RESEATING, WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9157.—Ash, Holy Trinity, near Martock. Dio. Bath and Wells.—Deferred

4.—No. 9158.—BURROWBRIDGE. Dio. Bath and Wells.—Deferred.

5.—No. 9155.—ELWICK HALL, S. PETER, near Castle Eden. Dio. Durham.—This Church was built A.D. 1593. There is no village in S. Peter's parish, Elwick Hall, but there are eighteen farm-houses scattered over a wide area; the length of the parish being nearly five miles, and the Church situated at the northern extremity. The inhabitants of surrounding villages use this Church, as it is much nearer than their own. Estimated cost, £157. Applicant, Rev. Canon Cook; Architect, Mr. R. Dunipace, Hartlepool.—£10 voted.

6.—No. 9150.—Kersey, S. Mary, near Ipswich.—This Church was built in A.D. 1490; repaired in 1862, when the chancel was rebuilt. The windows in the nave and aisles and tower are very much in need of repair. Kerseymere is supposed to have had its origin here, and linsey-woolsey in the neighbouring parish of Lindsay. Estimated cost, £700, Applicant, Rev. W. B. Gray; Architect, Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn, London.—£20 voted.

7.—No. 9145.—CHRIST CHURCH, NEW MALDEN, near Kingston-on-Thames. Dio. Rochester.—This Church was built in A.D. 1866. The building is in good preservation; additional Church accommodation is needed. Dissent is strong. There are four Dissenting places of worship on the south side of the railway which cuts the parish diagonally; the communication between the two divisions of the parish is through two railway arches; the Church, schools, and vicarage are adjacent, and on the north side. Estimated cost, £2320. Applicant, Rev. C. Stirling; Architect, Mr. J. Birch, London.—£30 voted.

8.—No. 9139.—OVER WINCHENDON, S. MARY MAGDALENE, near Aylesbury. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built in A.D. 1080 to 1400. There is no record of any repairs having been done. The roofs, walls, and floors are in a state of dilapidation. Estimated cost, £1080. Applicant, Rev. T. J. Williams; Architect, Mr. W. White,

London.—£30 voted.

9.—No. 9159.—HALLING, S. JOHN THE BAPTIST, near Rochester.—This Church was built in A.D. 1100, and it now needs reparation; the parish is a very poor one, consisting principally of cement and lime workers, and a few agricultural labourers. Estimated cost, £2000. Applicant, Rev. F. Goldsmith; Architect, Mr. H. Bensted, Maidstone.—£50 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

IO.—No. 9057.—BLETHERSTON, in the parish of Llawhaden, near Narbeth. Dio. S. David's.—The work of restoring this Church is completed, but it has cost considerably more than the original estimate; the deficiency in the funds is more than £100. There is very great difficulty experienced in raising funds, owing to the depressed condition of the agricultural interest in this neighbourhood, which is very much out of the way. Applicant, Rev. R. Bowcott.—£15 voted April, 1886: £15 additional, making in all £30.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.

11.—M.B.F., No. 625.—KINGSLEY PARK, near Kingsthorpe. Dio. Peterborough.

—A new district is rapidly being formed at Kingsley Park. Already the houses number 328 and the population over 1100, and fresh houses are constantly being erected and occupied. The district is nearly a mile from Kingsthorpe, and is really an extension of the town of Northampton on its north-eastern side, and will eventually form one of the town parishes. The estimated cost is £735, and the building will

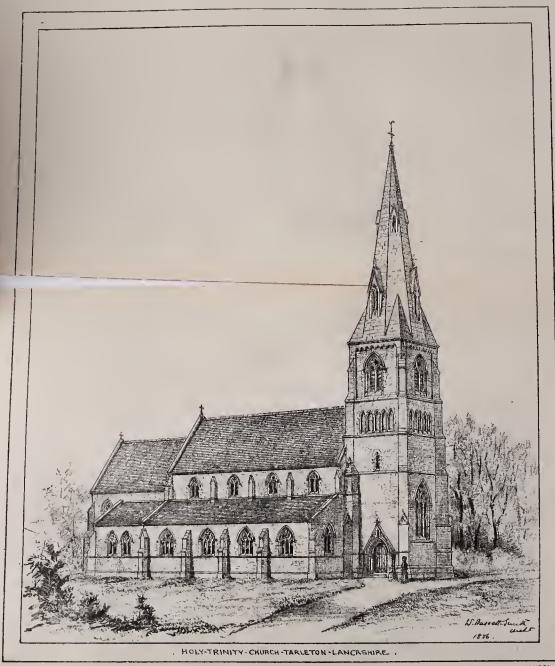
accommodate 180. Applicant, Rev. E. L. Tuson.—£10 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 625.—VICTORIA DOCKS, S. LUKE. Dio. London.—Through the action of the Bishop of S. Alban's Fund, a Mission Chapel site has been permanently secured at the extreme eastern end of the parish, which has a population of 30,000. Four years ago there were probably not more than fifty or sixty people living in the district, where now there is a population numbering more than 3000. There is great need of a resident clergyman and a Mission Chapel. The estimated cost is £500, and the building will accommodate 230, all free. Applicant, Rev. J. C. Buckley.—£20 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 626.—WALWORTH, S. STEPHEN. Dio. Rochester.—This building is used for children's services on Sunday, and for midday and evening parish meetings almost every day in the week; it is the only building in the parish suitable for such a purpose; it is quite too small for the requirements of the parish. This application is for its enlargement, which will enable 150 persons to be accommodated. The estimated cost is £270. Applicant, Rev. G. A. Ormsby.—£10 voted.

** By these grants the Mission Buildings Fund was entirely exhausted,





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As the third Thursday in May is Ascension Day, the ordinary Monthly Meeting for that month will be held at 12 noon on the 26th.

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The Lord Bishop of Winchester has kindly consented to preside at the Annual General Court, to be held at the Office in Dean's Yard, on Thursday, May the 26th, at 2.30 p.m. Members of the Society and their friends are invited to attend.

Holy Trinity Church, Tarleton.

THE township of Tarleton was formerly a part of the ancient parish of Croston. It contains 5553 acres, or close upon 9 square miles, with a population of rather over 1900, and lies midway between Preston and Southport, in Lancashire, and forms a part of the diocese of Manchester. In the year 1717 a Chapel-of-ease was erected just within the boundary, to accommodate the inhabitants of Tarleton and Bretherton, on account of the great distance of the mother Church at Croston, and the frequent floods which cut off communication with it. This Chapel-of-ease

was placed close to the bridge over the river Douglas which forms the boundary between the two townships concerned, and was consequently remote from the opposite parts of both. In the year 1820 the township of Tarleton was separated by Act of Parliament from the ancient parish of Croston, and made an independent rectory and vicarage, with the old and simple Chapel-of-ease for its Parish Church. In 1840 a new Church was built in the middle of Bretherton, which thenceforward had little need of accommodation at Tarleton.

With the development of railway and other travelling facilities, people have become less willing and, perhaps, less able for a walk of miles to Church, and the distance between the Church and the houses of the people has proved an ever-increasing obstacle to numerous and regular attendance at the services. If the people will not walk to the Church, the Church must be brought to the people: there is nothing else to be done; and the old Church being a mere barn, with no architectural features, the movement for a new Church in a better situation was inaugurated with the less regret, and in 1884 a subscription list was opened for the purpose. The resident subscribers next proceeded to determine by vote the precise spot which they deemed most suitable, and a particular plot of ground having been decided upon by a large majority, the rector purchased and presented it.

Designs for the building were asked and received from several well-known ecclesiastical architects, and that of Mr. William Bassett-Smith, 10, John Street, Adelphi, London, was selected. The requisite working drawings were then prepared by him, and the tender of a builder accepted.

The foundation-stone was laid on October 23rd, 1886, by the Hon. J. Powys, and the work is being carried on as weather permits. Exclusive of promised grants of £300 from the Manchester Diocesan Church Building Society, and £80 from the Incorporated Church Building Society, the fund now amounts to about £2850, the bulk of which has been contributed by one of the landowners, and the friends of the rector; for there are no resident gentry in the parish, nor are there any manufactures to swell the earnings of the working people. Farming is the only industry, and the depressed condition of agriculture is,

and has been for years past, notorious; so that the contributions of the parishioners have perforce borne the impress of the poverty from which they were nevertheless freely and cordially bestowed.

To clear the first contract (which does not include either the upper portion of the tower and spire, or the boundary walls) a further sum of at least £2000 is required, and local resources being well-nigh exhausted, it becomes imperative that help should be obtained from any who are willing, among the public, to help those who have already struggled to help themselves; and an advertisement is accordingly inserted in this magazine, to which it is hoped that the friends of the Church will kindly respond according to their several ability.

The late Bishop of Manchester, Dr. Fraser, in giving his official sanction to the movement, wrote:—

"I sincerely hope that the effort you are about to make may be successful. The present Church at Tarleton, both from its situation and its tasteless character, may well give place to a building at once more seemly and more accessible to the population. I shall be very glad to contribute \pounds 20 to the Building Fund."

The following particulars of the Church in course of erection will perhaps be of general interest.

The plan consists of a nave, with north and south aisles. Chancel, also with north and south aisles. A western tower, which will serve also as a porch; and on the south side of the chancel aisle, a large vestry or parish room, with a smaller one for the use of the clergy.

The extreme length of the Church from east to west is 116 feet, and the width from north to south, 49 feet.

The style adopted is Middle Pointed.

The walls throughout will be faced outside with Yorkshire parpoints in random courses, and inside with Scarisbrick Ashlar masonry; the dressings and all architectural features being executed in Scarisbrick, Cefn, and Stourton stones.

The roofs will all be open timbered, with curved ribs to the principals, and will be covered with boarding, felt, and slates.

The seats will be open benches executed in pitch pine; wood

floors will be provided for all the seats, and the passages will be paved with tiles, those in the sacrarium being of a richer character than those in the other parts of the Church.

The contractor has undertaken to complete the Church, including the tower up to the top of the nave roof, by the end of October next; and it is hoped that by that time funds may be forthcoming to enable the Committee to proceed with the work of finishing the tower and spire.

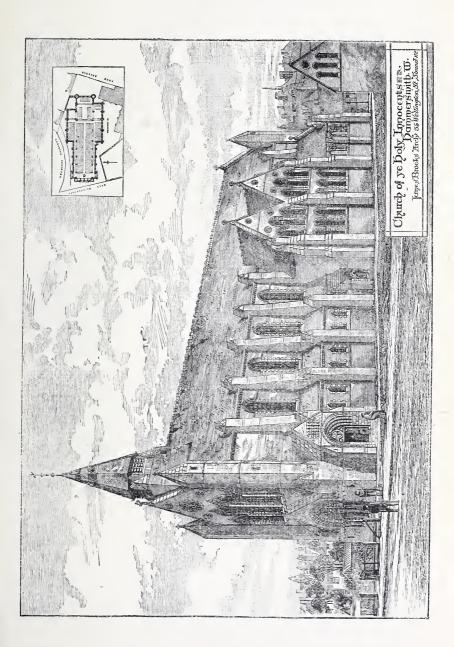
Holy knnocents, Hammersmith.

THE CHURCH BUILDER for October, 1877, gave an account of a Mission Church in the parish of S. John's, Hammersmith, which had been built in the previous autumn and opened by licence on the 12th of December, 1876.

The Mission Church had many distinguishing features to be seen at a glance by reference to the two woodcuts which accompanied the description to which we refer. A long narrow building, 83 feet by 23 feet, only 10 feet high to the wall-plate, but 30 feet to the ridge of the roof, is eminently churchlike, and while very cheap is very effective.

The vicar of S. John's at the opening of the Mission Church said that it was designed to serve for ten years as a Mission building, to be worked in connection with the parish Church. He said it will be time at the end of ten years to form a separate district and replace this temporary building by a permanent Church.

He was not far wrong in his prognostication. The Mission Church had been in use eight years when the vicar was enabled to transfer to a larger building in another part of the parish, the work distinctly auxiliary to the parish Church. The building of 1876 was thus set free to be the centre of an independent work, and by this time the parish had developed so greatly that a congregation was ready to rally round a good priest in this new centre. The right man for so important a work was not found in a moment. But difficulties were surmounted, and after a while the Rev. H. C. Eden, Curate of S. Mary Abbots, Kensington, was installed in charge of the new work. He was quickly seen to be the right man in the right place.





And here we must note the liberality of the London Diocesan Home Mission. When the vicar of S. John's offered an opening in his own parish—which of necessity could only be entered upon by one prepared to pursue the traditional lines of S. John's —the Society did not allow any party considerations to stand in their way. They not only provided a stipend for Mr. Eden, but when it was found that the work in the district was so ripe that a single priest sufficed not for it, they provided some further stipend so as to secure the engagement of the Rev. M. Stone Wigg as assistant missioner.

The ten years from the opening of the temporary Church had still some six weeks to run when the plans of the permanent Church were accepted and signed by the Bishop. We present our readers with a perspective view of the building as designed by Mr. Brooks.

The site for Church and vicarage had been secured before the temporary Church was built. Those in present charge of the district have therefore only to provide the cost of the buildings.

Mr. Eden, however, found the parochial work upon his hands so heavy, and the demand for organization so urgent, that before he could attempt to raise a fund for the permanent Church he felt constrained to build some additions to the temporary Church, for the more secular purposes of his parish. Over £400 was thus spent in 1885.

Now, however, the material work before him is the building of the permanent Church. And the spiritual ministry in the place, with all its attendant organization, has now been so long in development, that the call for the permanent building brooks no delay.

For over ten years the temporary building has been the scene of deep spiritual experiences; the people in the neighbourhood have learned to love the place with a sacred love. Their aspirations ought no longer to be repressed by the cramped accommodation greatly insufficient for their needs. The Church at large ought to help them to provide the spacious Church which they need for the work so steadily and hopefully developing.

The Bishop of London's Fund has granted £1000, the Diocesan Church Building Society £100, and £500 more has

been gathered together in subscriptions; but much more must be raised before the first stone can be laid for this much-needed building.

The population of S. John's was 7000 in 1871, and 14,000 in 1881. There has been much building since then, and it is estimated that the present population must be fully 20,000. Of these probably 15,000 remain attached to the parish Church, while at least 5000 live in the district worked in connection with Holy Innocents. All the statistics point to the need of the speedy erection of the new Church.

Whilst Mr. Brooks' design is most stately, it cannot be said to involve any extravagant expenditure. Good proportions have been studied rather than elaborate ornament. All who have seen the plans have been disposed to cry out that so grand a Church could never be built for the £8000 now asked for. But when the plans are carefully examined it is found that the treatment everywhere is very simple, whilst the general effect is most dignified. Of course the Church will be entirely free and open. Happily this was made a condition of the contributions towards the purchase of the site in 1875.

Shustoke Church.

THE Parish Church of S. Cuthbert, Shustoke, near Coleshill, Warwickshire, was a fine structure of Early English and Decorated character. It is situated on a considerable eminence in the undulating woodland district of North Warwickshire, its spire forming a conspicuous object in the neighbourhood. It consisted of tower and spire, and of a finely proportioned nave and chancel. It was almost destroyed by lightning in the storm of Tuesday, June 1st, 1886. It had been restored at considerable cost, by Mr. R. F. T. Croxall, in the year 1872. All the excellent work then done was reduced to ruins, and the fire caused much damage even to the substantial walls. The fine old Norman font and almost everything inside perished.

This Church is of considerable national interest, being the last resting-place of the great antiquary, Sir William Dugdale, Garter-King-of-Arms to King Charles I., and author of the well-known



S. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, SHUSTOKE, WARWICKSHIRE.



S. CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, SHUSTOKE, WARWICKSHIRE. (After partial destruction, June 1, 1886.)



"Monasticon Anglicanum," the "History of Warwickshire," and other standard works. His seat, Blyth Hall, is in the parish, and is still occupied by the Dugdale family. His monument is the only object not much injured in the general conflagration.

The restoration is being carried out under the direction of Messrs. Bodley and Garner, architects, of Gray's Inn Square; and the parish is much in need of outside assistance to meet the heavy expenditure.

Stability of Construction.

REPRESENTATIONS having reached the Committee of the Society from several correspondents that the paper of Requirements and Instructions, compiled by the Committee of Honorary Consulting Architects and issued by the Society, contained regulations respecting construction of unnecessary stringency, the Committee referred the matter to the Committee of Architects as indicated in the following resolution:—

"That the Committee of Honorary Consulting Architects be requested to take into their consideration whether any reductions could be safely made in the thickness of walls, the scantlings, and other conditions of construction given in the printed paper of Instructions and Requirements, with a view to meeting an objection which is sometimes made to the rules of the Society."

The opinions of each member of the Committee of Honorary Consulting Architects have been separately expressed, and, with the permission of the writers, we are enabled to print them, as follows:—

I fully agree in thinking that the rules of the Incorporated Church Building Society need no relaxing in the way suggested. Indeed, I think—or at any rate wish—that more stringent rules might be laid down. It would be, no doubt, difficult to arrange; but I feel that we are of but little use when plans of such poor—indeed ill—design have to be passed by us. A remedy for this is, I think, the kind of reform we need, so as to ensure the funds of the Society being spent on more worthy work.

March 15th, 1887. (Signed) G. F. Bodley.

I have again carefully considered the rules drawn up by the Committee of Architects, some years ago, in reference to the thickness of Church walls, scantlings of timbers, &c., and I have come to the conclusion that whether from a constructional or an æsthetic point of view, they ought not to be reduced.

March 5th, 1887. (Signed) D. Brandon.

It is evident to all of us, the examining architects to the Society, that for some time past, many of the designs for Churches that come before us, are unworthy of the age

and the purpose they are to serve; not only is the design bad, but the construction is also bad. The suggestions we make, both as to design and construction, must in many cases be inadequate to correct the evil; to do so effectually would necessitate our making drawings or sketches to correct the faulty design and bad construction: this cannot be expected of us. To relax our rules will tend to admit a worse class of buildings than at present, entailing on the next generation a burden for repairs that will prevent cautious men from serving the office of churchwarden.

March 1st, 1887. (Signed) JAMES BROOKS.

It seems to me to be *not* desirable to modify our rules as to thickness, scantlings, &c. I have noticed, so to speak, a steady degradation to the plans submitted to our Committee by very many architects, so much so that really good designs, not only from an artistic, but from a practical and structural point of view, are now too much in the minority. I conceive that our *raison d'être* is rather to *raise* the level than to lower it. And for my own part, if we are asked to pass such designs and descriptions of construction as I have hinted at, I should prefer to retire from the Committee of Honorary Architects, though most unwilling to do so.

February 28th, 1887. (Signed) R. HERBERT CARPENTER.

I am strongly opposed to any general reduction in respect of stability of structure of Churches, in the rules laid down by the Incorporated Church Building Society; but am, nevertheless, of opinion that subject to the judgment of the Committee of Architects at their monthly meetings, a certain amount of elasticity might be allowed in their interpretation. There is so much variety in design of Churches, so many variations in heights and lengths of walls, and in the proportion of voids and solids. and in details of windows, arches, &c., that even with the specified thicknesses, what would be superfluity of strength in one case, might be real weakness in another. This as regards walls. In respect of roofs and their coverings, I don't think we are stringent enough. The thorough protection from changes of temperature that ought to be provided for, is rarely insisted on, and yet how important it is! People, and architects too often amongst them, overlook the fact that Churches are practically like the attic stories of houses, and unless the coverings of the roof are of the most substantial description, or the whole interior is vaulted, Churches cannot possibly be kept warm in winter or cool in summer; and my experience is that almost all the draughts complained of in Churches proceed from this cause. We attend to the strength of the timber framing and rafters, which is of course needful, but do not sufficiently think of the substance of the covering; and I know by experience how difficult it is to persuade people that a mere covering of boards on rafters, backed by felt and aided by the cavity of 2 inches which is required by our rules, is not sufficient for all purposes of warmth as well as dryness. It is very much the contrary. There is nothing—if I may use the term as applied to architects—more scamped than roof coverings, and it is really vain to require 2 ft. 3 in. walls as our vertical protection, and then to be satisfied with a bare 3 inches between ourselves, the sky. and the wind over by far the largest area of exposed surface. So that my counsel would be -don't insist upon unnecessary cost in walls, but do require that roofs shall be made both as regards framing and covering thoroughly substantial. Pearson sets us the best example in his practice of vaulting; but although that cannot always be followed, we can, I am sure, do more than has hitherto been done for making Churches comfortable for use, as well as substantial for duration.

March 12th, 1887.

(Signed)

EWAN CHRISTIAN.

I must say I entirely concur in the undesirability of reducing the structural nature of our new Churches.

March 8th, 1887.

(Signed)

JOSEPH CLARKE.

In answer to your inquiry, my opinion is that it is not desirable to make any reduction in the thickness of walls and of timbers as they are given in the printed paper of Instructions; indeed, in some instances it would be absolutely unsafe to allow Churches to be erected with walls and timbers of less substance.

February 26th, 1887.

(Signed)

JOHN L. PEARSON.

I have not been able to look at one of the printed papers, but I remember the requirements pretty well. I have always thought that they erred on the side of insufficiency, rather than the contrary, by allowing thinner walls and thinner rafters than I should ever think of using in a Church. If these requirements applied to ordinary buildings, such as those referred to in the Metropolitan Building Act, it would be a different thing; but I look on our Churches as buildings which ought to last in the same way that the ancient Churches have lasted, for centuries. Nevertheless, I must say that as far as art is concerned, the sooner the majority of the Churches which come before our Committee tumble down, the better!

March 3rd, 1887.

(Signed)

J. OLDRID SCOTT.

I do not think any reduction can safely be made from the minimum of strength of walls and scantlings required by the Incorporated Church Building Society. Plans often come before us which seem to us hardly sufficient for good work, which our present rules do not exclude.

March 2nd, 1887.

(Signed)

JOHN P. SEDDON.

I confess I am entirely averse to sanctioning any work being done in a slighter way. I cannot help fearing that, as it is, a very small percentage of the modern deal roofs "approved" by the Committee of the Incorporated Church Building Society will last above 100 years. And if a slighter construction were allowed, I fancy they would occasionally give way. I am quite against any change.

March 6th, 1887.

(Signed)

R. Norman Shaw.

The question of the reduction of the thickness of walls and scantlings of timbers, has, I believe, been submitted to us—some years back. I then gave it as my opinion that it would not be desirable to alter our rules as to the above particulars, and I am still of the same opinion.

February 28th, 1887.

(Signed)

J. P. St. Aubyn.

I must say that I do not think it would be safe or, if safe, expedient to reduce the thickness of walls and scantlings and other conditions of construction required by the Society's printed paper of Instructions. I consider these conditions to indicate the minimum of what ordinary work ought to be, whether for security and durability, or for æsthetic effect. The existing conditions may possibly, in some cases, deter applications for aid; but experience tells me that it is rather the other way, and that in the grant which they may hope to obtain, however small, applicants often rely upon the security thus afforded them, that the work proposed really is such as to come up to a properly recognized standard. I fear that lowering this standard would prove but a false economy, sometimes resorted to by such as aim at show rather than substance.

February 28th, 1887.

(Signed)

WILLIAM WHITE.

S. Nicholas, Tillingham.

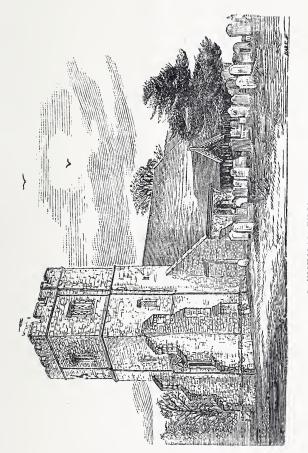
In the Diocese of S. Alban's, and distant fourteen miles from the nearest railway station—Maldon—three miles from the German Ocean, and about midway between the rivers Crouch and Blackwater, stands the Church of S. Nicholas, Tillingham; remarkable not so much from any specially interesting feature in the present structure, as from the historical interest attaching to its foundation, and to the fact that the title-deeds of its endowments are among the oldest, if not the oldest in England. Ethelbert Bretwald of England, and first Christian King of Kent, in A.D. 609 gave the manor of Tillingham, with lands and tithes, to the Cathedral Church of S. Paul, London, and to this day a large revenue is derived from these sources, and is annually spent on the fabric of S. Paul's. 1

The view of the Church annexed is from a photograph taken in the churchyard, on the side of the village square. It fully justifies the opinion that the massive tower, with walls six feet thick, is one of the strongest and best proportioned in the county of Essex, and is apparently of fifteenth century work. No certain date can be affixed to the chancel, though it is probably a fourteenth century restoration of a much older building; fragments of Roman and Saxon work being built into its walls partially faced with flints. The nave appears to be of later date. The aisle, a south one, was erected at the cost of the parishioners in 1864. The old south aisle fell down in 1708, and the existing arcade of four arches was then built into a brick wall, and long sash windows of the period inserted.

The chancel was repaired by the Dean and Chapter of S. Paul's in 1855. Its internal fittings are mean, and the whole appears at once cold and bare.

The nave roof is in a state of rapid decay, and must shortly be replaced by a new one.

¹ In the year 604, says Ralph de Diceto, the historian and Dean of S. Paul's, "Ethelbert the king built the Church of S. Paul, London."—"Chapters in the History of Old S. Paul's," by W. Sparrow Simpson, D.D., page 6.



S. NICHOLAS, TILLINGHAM.



The tower had originally a turret at its south-east angle, but in the year 1786 a thunder-storm demolished it and the interior of the tower walls from the bell-chamber upwards. The parts then rebuilt with brick and timber are now crumbling into ruin, and threaten with destruction a fine peal of five bells, the fittings of which are also in such a condition as to make it unsafe to chime the bells for service.

It is proposed to rebuild the damaged portions of the tower, and to restore the turret. A sum of at least £15,000 is needed for the whole of the work contemplated. The depressed state of agriculture and the many "Jubilee" calls tell against the easy or early collection of the necessary funds; but the Vicar (the Rev. William C. Miller), in his appeal for help, points to the blessings come down from a glorious past, and to the many Jubilees of mercies received since this Royal Foundation was established in Tillingham, and he relies upon the love and devotion of those who cherish these memorials of the piety of our fathers, and who now build in faith and hope for the good of generations to come.

Reviews, Notices, &c.

James Fraser, Second Bishop of Manchester (Macmillan and Co.). Mr. T. Hughes, Q.C., has made this biography a very readable book. He has avoided the pitfall into which too many biographers fall; i.e. he has consistently kept himself out of sight, and has let his book tell of its subject, not of its compiler. At the same time he has, as biographers should have, an enthusiastic admiration for the person whose life he describes; e.g. he states that in 1866, "he (i.e. James Fraser) had proved himself, by his strictly professional work, one who came very nearly up to the ideal of a Christian minister." Bishop Fraser was certainly as far as a Bishop could be from having a clerical mind. After he had been a Bishop for one year he declared, "With me, social questions have always taken rank, not only far above political, but even ecclesiastical questions." His life showed this. A more active, vigorous worker could not be found. His conscientiousness was unquestioned. His kindliness was proverbial. He may have made mistakes in some matters of great difficulty that came before him; upon that opinions may differ; but he invariably acted with a sense of dignity and rectitude, even if his judgment was mistaken.

The Bishop was much more at home at meetings of Savings' Banks, Provident Societies, and Social Improvement Clubs, than at clerical assemblies. With retreats, devotional gatherings, quiet days, and the like, he had little either of experience or sympathy. His own examining chaplain, who has recorded that the Bishop never

professed to be a theologian, urged in vain that the devotional element might find a greater place in the immediate preparation of candidates for Holy Orders. Probably many of the present bench of Bishops would admit that the evenings of the week preceding the Ordination might be better spent by the candidates than in "supper and music" (p. 223).

This Life cannot, however, be read without great interest and much encouragement by those who are tempted to shrink from a full discharge of their duties, even though these may sometimes seem to be dull, monotonous, and wearying. Work is not everything; but in times of one's own depression, it is cheering to read about a life

of such unflagging energy and courageous, patient diligence.

A glimpse into a well-nigh forgotten state of things is given (pp. 60—63) in his struggles, in his first incumbency, with the squire of the parish about the pews in the Church. That worthy "does not want—or at least press for—a square seat, but he can't bear people 'breathing on his back,' or 'knocking him with their books' (so he says), and therefore he must have the whole or part of the seat parallel to the wall, so that he may have no one behind him;" "a door was a sine quâ non." Perhaps, after the lapse of forty years, few would have the hardihood stoutly to fight for such selfish exclusiveness.

When he became Bishop, he took the work of Church Building actively in hand, and, during his Episcopate, he consecrated 120 new Churches. Their cost had

exceeded £916,000. By his death the Society has lost a generous subscriber.

Messrs. Longmans have issued another volume of the series, "Epochs of Church History." Under the title *The Church of the Early Fathers*, Dr. Alfred Plummer gives an interesting sketch of the period from the death of S. John, A.D. 100, to the Edict of Toleration published at Milan by Constantine and Licinius, A.D. 312 or 313. It may be regarded as a handbook for well-read students rather than as a manual for beginners; considerable previous knowledge is presupposed. The chapters on "Literary contests with Jews and Heathens" and on "Persecutions" are specially interesting.

Messrs. Rivingtons have now issued in one volume the thirteen numbers of the Oxford House Papers hitherto published; and the series has also been extended by the publication of No. XV., "Prayer and the Reign of Law," by the Rev. C. Gore, Principal of the Pusey Home, Oxford; and No. XVI., "The Justice of the Atonement," by the Rev. A. T. Lyttelton, Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

We are glad to welcome as an addition to the somewhat scanty literature respecting those departed hence in the Lord, a small volume of four sermons by Canon Swayne, Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral, called *The Blessed Dead in Paradise* (Rivingtons). There are many thoughtful, comforting remarks in them; and he is strong in the expression of his opinion of the falsity of the notion that the dead, immediately on their decease, hover about the living, and are possessed of a quasi-omniscience respecting those whom they have left behind; he also combats the vulgar and absurd idea that the Saints of God *become* Angels.

Mr. T. Fisher Unwin, of 26, Paternoster Square, has published a paper by Mr. W. H. Seth-Smith, Vice-President of the Society of Architects, on the *Proposed Statutory Registration of Architects*. One of the objects aimed at is to exclude unqualified men from the profession. With regard to general architecture we have nothing to do; but if the plan will secure that none but experienced and well-qualified ecclesiastical architects shall be allowed in the future to take Churches in hand, the proposal would have our hearty support. We add "well-qualified" to "experienced" advisedly. There are not a few architects who have had, alas! only too much

experience in handling Churches, but whose treatment thereof shows but too clearly their want of the proper qualifications.

Palestine in the Time of Christ, translated by Annie H. Holmden from the French of Edmond Stapfer, D.D. (Hodder and Stoughton), contains much of interest, but it is a book to be read with caution. It is a little startling to read (p. 6) of the fourth Gospel that "It is as difficult to deny its genuineness as to admit its full historic accuracy;" and to find the suggestion that the Evangelists have after all made a mistake in assuring us that our Lord was born at Bethlehem in Judea, as His birthplace was as likely to have been at a hamlet called Bethlehem, near to Nazareth in Galilee, now known as Beit-Lahm (p. 36, note)! Possibly the translator—whose general rendering is sometimes tame—is responsible for such blunders as that "the whole extent of Galilee was only about twenty miles from north to south, and nine or ten from east to west;" or that Nazareth was but "twenty-five miles distant from Jerusalem"! However, the author presents a truly interesting picture of the condition of the Holy Land in the days of our Lord. Much of the information he gives is derived from the Talmuds, which he has studied carefully. The book is divided into two portions: I. Social Life; II. The Religious Life. In the former the writer brings before his readers in a vivid and realistic manner the people of whom he treats. Their character, mode of living-at home and in public, their dwellings, their occupations, and even their clothing, are all passed under review. The Sanhedrim is carefully described in constitution and mode of procedure. The relation of Jew to Roman is dwelt upon; and painfully minute details of the favourite punishment of the Romans, viz. crucifixion, are given. He may well speak of this torture as "unapproached in its anguish in all the annals of human cruelty."

In the second portion the two great schools of Pharisees and Sadducees are traced from their origin to their decadence; and their texts examined, contrasted with each

other, and considered in their bearing upon Christianity.

The work may not contain much that is new or not generally attainable through such books as we have in our own language—e.g. Dr. Edersheim's "Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah"—or in the various Articles which go to fill our Biblical Dictionaries and Encyclopædias; but it brings together in a compact form, brought up to the latest date by reference to the results of the Palestine Exploration Fund, a large amount of interesting and instructive information, which is not without its value in the eyes of the Biblical student.

It is impossible, however, for a devout Christian to put the book down without feeling that the tone of it makes it a dangerous one to place in the hands of the young or uninstructed. The manner in which our Divine Lord is spoken of, as if He were a mere man, is shocking to the feelings of those who know that He is indeed Very God of Very God; our author does not rise above the level of the barest humanitarian

conception of the Redeemer of the World.

Received with thanks:—Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons). National Church. Church and State (Rivingtons), an Address to Villagers, by Rev. H. C. Beeching; a plain and simple statement, suited to the capacity of uneducated persons, of one of the most important questions of the day.

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Special Appeals.

S. MICHAEL'S, STONEBRIDGE, WILLESDEN.—Funds are urgently needed in behalf of the above. The Church has peculiar and great difficulties to contend with. Donations thankfully received by the Rev. W. Irwin, Home Missionary in charge of District.

HAMMERSMITH PARISH CHURCH.—Consecration fixed for July 2nd. Funds urgently required. Not to throw the workmen out of employ in winter, the Committee have signed the last contract. They trust for public help. A Metropolitan Parish Church ought to be of superior dignity, and this Church will rank among the finest of modern Churches. But the duty, which increase of population has thrown on the Parishioners, is too heavy for them without outside aid. Our Parish Churches are a matter of concern for the whole Diocese. Donations will be thankfully received by W. Mussared, Esq., Windsor Lodge, Hammersmith.

A APPEAL FROM NORTHAMPTON.—Will readers of the Church Builder render timely aid or collect for us to complete the Mission Buildings now being erected for the Parish of S. Edmund's, the largest in the town? Population 10,000. Our needs in Northampton are exceptional; our own people do what they can. Will sympathetic strangers help us? Scheme and plans heartily approved by the Incorporated Society. Donations gratefully acknowledged and collecting cards supplied by the Rev. Canon Hughes, S. Edmund's Vicarage, Northampton, or Mr. M. H. Holding (Lay Reader at the Mission), 10, Cyril Street, Northampton.

MICHAEL'S, HUDSWELL, RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.—
Ancient Church, A.D. 1250; rebuilt and consecrated November, 1885; cost £1666; Debt remaining, £270. Who will help to raise this small amount this Jubilee Year? Parish very poor; seats all free; weekly offertory. Smallest sums thankfully received by the Rev. J. E. Torbett, Hudswell Vicarage, Richmond, Yorkshire.

S. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION,

URGENT APPEAL

IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF THE

NEW CHURCH OF S. AUGUSTINE, FULHAM.

FULHAM is the most rapidly increasing suburb in the Diocese, and the Parish of S. Andrew has a population of upwards of 23,000 people, and is annually growing at the rate of about 3000.

The Church, for which immediate help is asked, is to be built in the Lillie Road, in the centre of a population of upwards of 6000, consisting chiefly of mechanics, railway servants, labourers, costermongers, those engaged in laundry work, and the

abjectly wretched.

The Mission Work is being carried on with great earnestness and devotion by a staff of three Clergy; it is cordially and eagerly welcomed by the people, who appreciate the effort which is being made for their good. The Services are crowded, and many have to be turned away for want of room; the Mission premises, which have been most generously provided by a lady, are already quite inadequate and insufficient for the spiritual needs of the neighbourhood, and if the Church is at all to do her duty to the poor of this district, it is absolutely necessary that further means of evangelization should be at once provided.

The Mission is the centre of a large amount of work, including Sunday Schools, Mothers' Meetings, Clubs for Men and Youths, and for Young Women, Adult and Juvenile Temperance Work, Penny Bank, Provident Societies, Bible Classes, Debating Society, Popular Entertainments, Out-door Services, &c., all of which are heartily appreciated. It is in contemplation largely to increase the work of the

Mission as soon as additional room can be obtained.

It is intended that the erection of the Church shall lead to the formation of a new parish. The complete scheme therefore embraces the erection of Church and Vicarage, Mission Church, Schools, Workmen's Club and Institute, &c.

The parish is very poor, and unable to command much money. This appeal is made in the confident hope of securing the generous assistance of the Church at large, and the appeal will not be made in vain.

APPROVAL OF THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

"I recommend this Appeal."

F. LONDIN.

Commendatory Letters have also been received from the Archdeacon of Middlesex and the Rural Dean of Fulham.

DONATIONS may be paid into "S. Augustine's Church Building Fund," at the London and County Bank, High Street, Kensington, W., or to the Rev. A. H. B. BRITTAIN, Curate-in-charge, 102, Lillie Road, Fulham.

Postal Orders and Post Office Orders should be made payable at Lillie Road, Fulham, S.W.

HELP towards the Building of the PERMANENT CHURCH for the HOLY INNOCENTS' MISSION, Hammersmith (5000 poor) will be thankfully received by the Treasurers, W. Moxon Browne, Esq., 6, King's Bench Walk, E.C.; John W. Hawkins, Esq., 7, Upper Phillimore Gardens, W. Bankers, London and County, Kensington Branch. The Bishop of London has kindly commended the scheme in the following letter:—

MY DEAR MR. EDEN,

I hope you will get large help from all sides for your permanent Church, for it is much wanted, and will be the crown of the excellent work you have been doing.

Yours faithfully,
-F. LONDIN.

DROPOSED PERMANENT CHURCH for District of S. SAVIOUR, HOLLOWAY, N., part of S. Mark's, Tollington Park, London.-This is one of the L.D.H.M. Districts: population over 4000; Iron Church seats 312 adults, filled to overflowing. Accommodation greatly needed. Site secured by grant of £1205 from B.L.F. Designs by Messrs, J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, approved and ready, for Church to seat 702, and to cost £5750, exclusive of tower and spire, but inclusive of all charges and fittings. Amount already promised or subscribed £2745, including the following sums:—Incorporated Church Building Society, £175; Diocesan Church Building Society, £100; Bishop of London's Fund, £1000; R. C. L. Bevan, Esq., £250; Congregation, £500; and Trustees)J. D. Allcroft, F. A. Bevan, C. H. Bousfield, Esqs., Revs. F. E. Wigram, C.M.S., and Canon Hurst), £700. Large and flourishing Sunday Schools, Band of Hope, Children's Services (in Board School), Clothing Club, Penny Bank, &c., conducted in private houses, there being no Parish Room. Erection of Church will not only supply seats to whole families who have applied in vain, but also leave present Iron Church available for meetings and other parochial purposes. FUNDS GREATLY NEEDED if the Church is to be built, as contemplated, this Jubilee year. Congregation comparatively poor, but contributing generously. Donations earnestly solicited, and may be sent to the Bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C., or they will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by the Clergyman in charge, the Rev. A. J. Ard, M.A., 75, Hanley Road, Crouch Hill, London, N.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TARLETON, LANCASHIRE. See Illustration, page 43. This Church, now in course of erection for a poor agricultural parish of 5550 acres, with a population of 1900, is designed by Mr. W. Bassett Smith, 10, John Street, Adelphi, London. It will seat about 400, all free. The cost will be between £5000 and £6000, and of this amount, £3000 has been already raised. There are no manufactures of any kind in the parish, and the long agricultural depression is very severely felt. About 1000 acres have been sold during the last six months; further sales are to follow, and a general panic prevails. The Committee earnestly implore assistance, which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Rector, the Rev. R. C. Fletcher, Tarleton Rectory, near Preston, or which may be sent direct to the Preston Banking Company, Limited, Fishergate, Preston, and specified for credit of "Tarleton Church Building Fund Account."

FUNDS are urgently needed for S. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION HALL, CROYDON. Parish very poor. The work has the written approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Rev. C. Basset, Farleigh Villa, Avondale Road, Croydon.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF STOCKLAND, DEVON, much needs restoration, many of the seats falling into decay. It also needs warming, the great coldness in winter keeping many away. Help is urgently solicited, the population consisting only of small farmers and agricultural labourers.

An appeal, therefore, is made to the kind assistance of the public. J. M. Cox,

Vicar of Stockland, near Honiton, Devon.

NICHOLAS CHURCH, TILLINGHAM, MALDON.

Lisoo is urgently needed. Ethelbert, first Christian King of Kent, in the days of S. Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, endowed S. Paul's Cathedral, London, with the manor and tithes and land in Tillingham. The Vicar appeals to all Church Defenders and Church Restorers to help him to preserve the memorial of this ancient endowment of the Church of our fathers by contributing to the cost of restoring the tower and nave and otherwise repairing and refitting of the Church of a parish that for nearly 1300 years has contributed largely to the maintenance of the Cathedral Church of the chief city of the empire. All who admire or value S. Paul's are invited to remember the wants of the obscure parish of Tillingham in the Dengie Hundred of Essex. Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Vicar, or they may be sent to Messrs. 'Hoare and Co., Bankers, Fleet Street, London, or to Messrs. Sparrow and Co., Bankers, Chelmsford.

INGSLEY PARK, KINGSTHORPE NORTHAMPTON.—A large estate has lately been converted into a building site by a Building Society in Northampton. The population has already reached 1200, is rapidly increasing, and consists almost entirely of the labouring classes. The Kingsley Park Estate is in the Parish of Kingsthorpe, but is about a mile distant from the village and Church, and the district is really an extension of the town of Northampton. A Mission-room and School are urgently needed. Will any one interested in the religious welfare of Northampton lend a helping hand? About £340 raised; £300 more wanted. Smallest offerings gratefully received by the Rev. E. L. Tuson, Kingsthorpe Vicarage Northampton.

COLWYN BAY, NORTH WALES. CHURCH BURNT DOWN.
—Funds urgently needed to build stone Church in place of iron one (insured) entirely destroyed by fire, October, 1886. Church to seat 1000: estimated cost, £7500. Local subscriptions, £1000; Insurance, £1350; Incorporated Church Building Society, £150; grant expected from Diocesan Society. £1500 more required to build Nave and Transepts for immediate requirements. Services have now to be held in Public Hall, there being no Church accommodation whatever for nearly 2000 people. Poor district; no landed proprietors to help. Donations even of the smallest amount earnestly solicited, and will be gratefully received by Rev. W. Venables-Williams, the Vicarage, Colwyn Bay.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese writes: "I strongly recommend this appeal.

" J. St. Asaph.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

Anniversary Meeting.

THE Annual General Court of the Incorporated Church Building Society was held on Thursday, the 26th May, 1887, at the Offices, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Winchester presiding. Amongst those present were the Bishop of Carlisle, Lord Robartes, the Archdeacons of Middlesex, Essex, and Kingston; the Revs. Canon Cazenove, C. A. Jones, H. M. Ingram, T. Moore, and G. Miller; Major C. E. Watson, and Messrs. A. Powell, E. Thornton, R. Foster, and J. Hilton.

Letters were received from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and many other Bishops, expressing sympathy with the object of the Society, and regret at their inability to be present at the meeting.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the Secretary, the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, read the Sixty-ninth Annual Report, which has been separately published.

The Bishop of Winchester said it was almost a relief to find that the present year was not the jubilee of the Society. It had been founded nineteen years more than half a century; and the claims which its operations during that long period had given it upon their gratitude and sympathy were very great. There could be no doubt that at least fifty millions of money had been expended in this country during the present century upon Church building and restoration, and that the Society had done much to stimulate the work. It was true that the funds at its disposal were small and, he might say, inadequate; but the encouragement which its grants had given to private donors had been very considerable. Often it had happened that when

the means of Church builders seemed exhausted, a grant from the Society had infused new hope into their minds, and given them a fresh start. The encouragement which it had thus been able to impart had been very useful and, he might add, very blessed. We had sometimes heard doubts expressed whether the people of England were really loyal and affectionate towards their Church; but it seemed to him that the large sums which had been contributed for Church building and Church restoration during the present century placed that question beyond the possibility of dispute. He supposed there never had been a country or a century in which greater liberality in the way of Church building had been shown than in this country and in the century through which we were passing. Sometimes we were met with the taunt that the Church of England was the Church of the rich. Well, for his own part, he was thankful that we had so many rich men who were willing to give of their substance to build Churches; but it was, nevertheless, a fact, which the records of the Society, and of any other Church Society, would verify, that funds for religious work came chiefly, or in a great majority of cases, from the clergy and from those who were not wealthy. In that sense, then, the Church of England was the poor man's as well as the rich man's Church. There was another sense in which the Society was able to show that the Church of England was the Church of the poor; for it only made grants where there was abundant provision made of free seats. The accommodation thus afforded was, he was sure, greatly appreciated and taken advantage of. His own experience was that wherever a new Church was built, whether the neighbourhood was rich or poor, it was sure to be filled at once; and he had known instances where the erection of a Church in a very poor and degraded district had produced a moral reformation in the neighbourhood.

The Bishop of Carlisle moved the first resolution—namely, that the Report be printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee. In doing so his Lordship expressed his regret that (with the exception of Sodor and Man, which had sent nothing) his own diocese was at the very bottom of the list of contributing sees. Under these circumstances he was glad to

find that it had also received very little from the Central Society. The fact was, his diocese had a singularly active and efficient Society of its own, which had been at work for thirty years, and had done wonders in the way of stimulating Church building. He was in the proud position of being able to say that it had never once declined an application on the ground of want of funds, and the blessing it had been to the diocese would be impossible to describe. He believed it was the existence of so many flourishing daughter Societies that had led to the impoverishment of the old Society; and he could not say that he much regretted that it should be so; but while he thought that local work was probably more wholesome and efficient, he agreed that the country dioceses owed a great debt to the Parent Society. He had known the Society when its position was very different from what it was now. In those days it had an eccentric rule not to give a grant to any Church the design for which did not include tie-beams, and he recollected very well that what was then a very young and vigorous association (the Cambridge Camden Society) made a tremendous onslaught upon that regulation. He remembered also that the onslaught was received in a most genial and kindly manner. The Society overhauled its rules, and where it found them open to reasonable objection, it very wisely altered them. He considered that the Society had, generally speaking, done its work admirably well, and he looked with gratitude to what it had done for his own diocese. With regard to the Church Building Society, he always felt that it was just the growing up and flourishing of daughter Societies, such as his own, which had impoverished the old parent Society; and, while he did not regret that this was so, he thought that we ought not to forget what the old Society had done for the Church of England in days gone by, and what it is doing now, and Churchmen might show their gratitude for what it had done by contributing more largely to its funds. The Bishop, in conclusion, said he was hurrying away to attend a Church House meeting, and confessed that of late he had had Church House upon the brain; but he could not help saying that when the Church House was built, the Society would have a better room to meet in.

Lord Robartes, in seconding the motion, bore witness to the great services which the Society had rendered to the district in the West of England in which he lived. But for its aid it would have been scarcely possible for the work to have been done that has been done.

The resolution was agreed to, and the Chairman announced that the result of the election of the officers for the ensuing year, to fill up the vacancies caused by retirement on rotation or by other causes, was as follows:—Auditors—Mr. G. T. Biddulph, Mr. John Boodle, and Mr. F. G. Prideaux, Chartered Accountant. Treasurer—Mr. H. Gerard Hoare. On the Committee—Archdeacon Johnson, Canon Stapylton, the Rev. F. W. A. Bowyer, Canon Whittington, the Rev. G. Miller, Mr. F. S. Powell, M.P., Sir W. B. Riddell, Bart., the Hon. G. H. W. Windsor-Clive, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, and Mr. A. Riley.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex proposed the second resolution, namely:—

"That in consideration of the continued appeals for more Churches, and of the increasing demand for Mission Buildings both in town and country parishes, this meeting desires to express its conviction that the Incorporated Church Building Society deserves a wider and more liberal support from Church-people, in order that it may assist in a more adequate manner both in the erection of consecrated Churches and also in the provision of Mission Buildings."

Dr. Hessey bore witness to the manner in which in his daily experience he saw the hearts of Church builders raised by a grant from the Society; and he drew special attention to the importance of Repair Funds. The advantage of placing such funds in the hands of this Society was very great. No troubles occurred such as were caused by the succession of trustees, and the security was unimpeachable, as all these funds were invested with great care, and chiefly in Government Stock. In the diocese of London one of the greatest difficulties that had to be dealt with was that so many Churches had been built, and no provision made for keeping them in repair. His old friend, Dr. Miller, used to say that the time had come when the well-being of the Church would depend very much upon the way in which she provided Mission Buildings and fostered Sunday-schools. For the former purpose this Society had established a special fund, which had proved a great blessing. He did not know

whether any of those present were acquainted with Mr. Mackeson's Mission Chapel, or whether it had been helped by the fund; but in any case it showed the enormous value which such buildings might have. He (Dr. Hessey) was there four or five weeks ago, and he found a building, holding 800 persons, quite full, and a permanent Church already in prospect. That was a specimen of what a Mission Building could do. The right rev. Chairman had referred to the gifts of rich persons; and on the previous day he (the rev. gentleman) was at the laying of the first stone of a Church in the north-west district, to which a liberal-minded layman (Mr. Lafontaine) had given £2000. That was, of course, a great encouragement to the promoters of the scheme; but a large number of smaller donors had joined their gifts to his.

Mr. Richard Foster, in seconding the motion, said it always gave him great pleasure to find rich men willing to build Churches, but in many cases the work had to be done by the offerings of people in a humbler walk of life. At the present moment the Church was placed in a delicate and, he might say, awkward position; for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had given notice that they could no longer endow new parishes in poor districts with £200 a year, as they had hitherto done. At present a new Church with 700 sittings was found to cost about £8000-£7000 for the building, and £1000 for a repair fund; but in future their efforts must be directed to building a good church-like Church for £3500, and they must devote the other £3500 to the creation of an endowment, unless people opened their purses a great deal wider than they had hitherto done. It was quite clear that we must have either cheaper Churches or Mission Buildings, and he did not think that the latter would altogether do, for they were used for purposes other than divine worship.

The motion having been agreed to, the Archdeacon of Essex moved a vote of thanks to the right rev. Chairman. In doing so, he said they must all feel the difficulties which the Church experienced in providing rapidly enough the accommodation needed in many populous places. In that respect we were at a disadvantage as compared with Nonconformists, for any building

would do for them, and they could give it up when they liked. To a certain extent the same might be said of Mission Buildings; and they enabled work to be begun in anticipation of the provision of a better Church. This subject particularly pressed upon him, for East London seemed to be the quarter where every difficulty and everything disagreeable was accumulated. Thus every kind of trade which involved bad smells seemed to be relegated to West Ham; and the dock labourers were, he supposed, the very lowest grade of the working classes. The spiritual destitution of London over the border was so great, that with a little more of it we might expect a revolution. The other day a Mission Building was burnt down as soon as it was opened; shortly afterwards a Wesleyan Chapel was also destroyed, and an attempt was made to fire another place of worship. He believed that the very best thing they could do for the country was to enable the Church of England to do her work for the masses. He entirely agreed with what had fallen from Mr. Foster as to the necessity of building cheap Churches. It was a mistake to suppose that the work of the Society was over with regard to restoration, but he could not help thinking what a happy thing it was that so much of it had already been done, for if it were yet to do, he did not know where funds for it would come from.

Mr. William White, F.S.A., in seconding the motion, took occasion to say that the cheaper the Church, the more of practical knowledge and experience there would be required in designing it. For instance, in a cheap Church it would be almost impossible to dispense with tie-beams with a due regard to stability. His own opinion was that in future the sum that should be expended on a Church with 700 sittings in a poor district should, as a rule, be £4000, and not £7000.

In responding for the vote, which was very cordially given, the Bishop of Winchester trusted that so long as the Church of England continued to flourish, grand Churches would continue to be built; but he was sure that we should also need many cheap ones, and he was delighted to hear Mr. White say that a Church for 700 persons might be erected for £4000. In his diocese there was a parish (Portsea) which contained some five

or six and twenty thousand souls, and which had a very vigorous, energetic, and able vicar. The rev. gentleman had found that the only way of dealing with the dense population of working men around him was to put up first one Mission-room and then another, for while useful for other purposes, those buildings would also serve for temporary Churches. This had gone on till he was enabled to take in hand the rebuilding of the parish Church. For that purpose he had received a gift of £15,000 from a very noble benefactor, who preferred to be anonymous, but who, he might say, had been a Minister of State. Church before it was completed was likely to cost £40,000, and it would be quite like a cathedral for the town of Portsmouth. was hoped that the Oueen would shortly lay the first stone. The population was chiefly of a rough, seafaring type, who could not have been got into Churches at first, but who could be got into Mission Buildings. He (the right rev. prelate) entirely agreed with what had been said by Mr. Foster. He believed it would be possible to construct inexpensive buildings that would be admirably suited for the purpose—buildings without ornament, and depending chiefly for effect upon their proportions and fitness for public worship. His Lordship made a feeling allusion to the late Archdeacon of Maidstone-Archdeacon Harrison-who was one of the oldest members of the Committee of the Society, and had always taken the warmest interest in its affairs. many years past he had usually occupied the chair at the monthly meetings of the Committee.

His Lordship then pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting separated.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, April the 21st, 1887, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX in the Chair.

Rev. Canon Cazenove. Rev. C. F. Norman. J. Hilton, Esq. ARTHUR POWELL, Esq. F. H. ROOKE, Esq. EDWARD THORNTON, Esq.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:—

General Fund .					£47	177	C
General Fund . Mission Buildings	Fund				5	96 §	₹5313
"R. M. Fund"					_		107
Hine Legacy	4						1109

The Finance Report was prepared by Arthur Powell, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.-No. 9059.-CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG. Dio. Llandaff.-Deferred.

2.—No. 9172.—DARLINGTON, S. HILDA, in the parish of S. John. Dio. Durham.—Nearly the whole of the population of the new district belongs to the working class, and a very large proportion—nearly four-fifths—are poor. There is no Church or Mission Room in the entire district, and the population has hitherto been scarcely touched by Church work. There is but one Nonconformist Chapel, and that away from the poorest part. The proposed accommodation is for 560; all seats free, Estimated cost, £4700. Applicant, Rev. A. Boot; Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson. London.—£100 voted from the "R.M. Fund."

3.—No. 9170.—GRIFFITHSTOWN, S. JOHN BAPTIST, in the parish of Llanfrechfa Upper, near Newport. Dio. Llandaff.—The pressing need of a Church in this district has been severely felt for some years; the present building, a drill-hall, lent to the vicar for use as a temporary Church, is quite inadequate for the large and increasing needs of this growing place. Griffithstown is of sudden growth, having developed its present populatation of nearly 3000 within the last twelve or fourteen years. The Parish Church is two and a half miles distant. Most of the inhabitants are the employés of the Great Western Railway Company, and the Panteg Steel Works. The new Church is designed to accommodate 368; all seats free. The estimated cost is £2750. Applicant, Rev. J. R. Phillips; Architect, Mr. E. M. B. Vaughan, Cardiff.—£100 voted.

4.—No. 9171.—NOEL PARK, S. MARK, in the parish of S. Michael, Tottenham. Dio. London.—The people of the district, though all poor, are doing their utmost to help in the building of the Church. The Mission Hall, opened in March, 1885, holds 350; it is now sadly overcrowded, so much so that people complain that they have not room to kneel. It is estimated that when the Noel Park Estate is fully developed there will be a population of 20,000. The new Church is arranged to hold 853; all seats free. Estimated cost, £7500. Applicant, Rev. R. B. Dowling; Architect, Mr. R. Plumbe, London.—£250 voted.

5.—No. 9058.—WEST GREEN, CHRIST CHURCH, in the parish of Tottenham. Dio-London.—This district has a population of over 5000 (nearly all of whom are poor), and is rapidly increasing: the present temporary iron Church is always full. It is quite a Nonconformist neighbourhood; many of the present Church congregation were

formerly Dissenters. The gentleman who has given the site for Church and parsonage, valued at £2000, is a Dissenter. A more expensive set of plans was approved by the Society a little while back, but they cannot be carried out. The Church will hold 695; 316 of the seats are to be pew-rented. The estimated cost is £5985.—Applicant, Rev. H. W. Whitfield; Architects, Messrs. Hodson and Whitehead, Tottenham.—£100 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9157.—Ash, Holy Trinity, near Martock. Dio. Bath and Wells.—Deferred.

7.—No. 8747.—ABERYSTWYTH, HOLY TRINITY. Dio S. David's.—This Church was built in A.D. 1882, assisted by a grant of £100 from this Society. The nave of the Church was consecrated in August, 1886, and is already too small for the number of worshippers who attend this new Church. The Church is built in a very poor district of the town, and is mostly attended by the poor. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend that a grant be made for the proposed enlargement of this Church. By the enlargement, 269 free seats will be added; and the estimated cost is £2425. Applicant, Rev. D. Williams; Architects, Messrs. Middleton, Prothero, and Phillott, Cheltenham.—£80 voted.

8.—No. 9158.—Burroweridge, S. Michael, near Bridgwater. Dio. Bath and Wells.—This Church was built in A.D. 1836, assisted by a grant of £225 from this Society. This district is made up of the ends of various parishes, and is on the banks of the rivers Tone and Parret for a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It has suffered much from flood as well as agricultural depression. Great difficulty has been experienced in raising the little money that has been raised. The actual number of the seats will be reduced; but the accommodation greatly improved. The estimated cost is £294. Applicant, Rev. E. Godson; Architect, Mr. J. H. Spencer, Taunton.—£10 voted [since declined].

9.—No. 9167.—CREWKERNE, S. BARTHOLOMEW. Dio. Bath and Wells.—This Church was restored in a substantial way at the beginning of the century, when old galleries were pulled down, and the present strong but inconvenient pews erected. In order to raise the funds for these alterations about seventy of the pews were appropriated to various householders and others in proportion to their subscriptions, and proposed to be secured to their exclusive use by a quasi-faculty from the Vestry. Besides these, seven pews are held by faculty, apparently valid. The whole case will be submitted to the Bishop's Court, to be dealt with according to law. 142 seats will be added. The estimated cost is £2760. Applicant, Rev. R. Holme; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£50 voted.

10.—No. 9163.—HAUGHTON, S. GILES, near Stafford. Dio. Lichfield.—A Church was built here in the thirteenth century, but scarcely anything of this Church remains. The parish is a very poor one; there are no gentry, but only small farmers and their labourers, and the parish much needs external help. The Church will practically be rebuilt, and it greatly needs it. The applicant and his family will restore the chancel in memory of their father, who was fifty years rector of the parish. Estimated cost, £1840. Applicant, Rev. G. T. Royds; Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, London.—£15 voted.

11.—No. 9140.—HEMPSTEAD, S. ANDREW, near Braintree. Dio. S. Alban's.—The tower of this Church fell in January, 1882, entirely demolishing the western portions of the nave and aisles. The remaining walls are much cracked, and lean from the perpendicular. The roofs are also decayed and ruinous, and must be rebuilt. Unless the necessary funds are forthcoming, it is not intended at present to proceed

with the tower (which will cost £1600). The tower arch will be built at the west end of the nave, and so much of the flanking walls, north and south, as is necessary for abutment to the nave arcades. The total cost of rebuilding is estimated at £3250. Applicant, Rev. R. H. Eustace; Architect, Mr. S. Knight, London.—£60 yoted.

12.—No. 9168.—INKBERROW, S. PETER, near Redditch. Dio. Worcester.—This Church was built A.D. 1300—1400; repaired partially in 1840, assisted by a grant of £50 by this Society. The present condition of the Church is damp and gloomy, and fitted with high pews of objectionable form, of painted deal, and facing all directions, in which it is impossible to sit or kneel with comfort. The west tower, with its arch and window, is concealed from view by a gallery, and the Church is greatly darkened thereby. Estimated outlay, £1600. Applicant, Rev. T. N. Leeke; Architect, Mr. E. Christian, London.—£25 voted.

13.—No. 9173.—SISTON, S. ANNE, near Bristol. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This Church is of a very interesting character, consisting of a Norman nave, with a thirteenth century chancel, and a fifteenth century tower, built into the Norman nave. The chancel is of a simple and pure Early English character; the font is a leaden one of Norman date, with rich detail. The present state of the Church is most deplorable, the roof timbers are perished, and the wet comes in through the roof in all directions. The rector and churchwardens have been doing all they can during the last four years to raise funds for the work. Thirty seats will be added; and the cost is estimated at £850. Applicant, Rev. W. A. Taylor; Architects, Messrs. Christopher and White, London.—£20 voted.

14.—No. 9164.—YSTRADYFODWG, S. JOHN, near Pontypridd. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

III. FURTHER AID.

15.—No. 9041.—CAPEL-Y-GROES, in the parish of Abergwili, near Carmarthen. Dio. S. David's.—The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for an increased grant in consequence of the outlay being £400 in excess of the architect's estimate. Grant voted 20th May, 1886, £60. Applicant, the Ven. Archdeacon James.—£10 added, making £70 in all.

IV. Mission Buildings.

16.—M.B.F., No. 634.—Brinscall, S. Luke, in the parish of Withnell, near Chorley. Dio. Manchester.—Withnell parish is four miles by three in extent. The district where this building is to be erected is rapidly increasing, over thirty houses having been built during the last two years; there are five Wesleyan chapels and schools in the parish. The need of a School Church is urgently felt, as a number of families of Church-people are coming to reside in this part of the parish. Sunday evening services have been held in a reading-room, but the building and its surroundings are altogether unsuitable for the purpose. The accommodation will be for 200. Estimated cost, £750. Applicant, Rev. G. O. Redman.—£40 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 630.—LAMBETH, S. ANSELM. Dio. Rochester.—The upper part of the building, holding 269, will be used exclusively for public worship; the lower storey for Sunday-school and as a mission-room. The district has a population of 4000; there is but one Church in all the parish, and the inhabitants number 13,000. The estimated cost is £2300. Applicant, Rev. G. H. W. Bromfield.—£50 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 628.—PORTSEA, S. BARTHOLOMEW. Dio. Winchester.—In the district there are over 5000 inhabitants, about half a mile from the Church. There is no other building to be had in the parish for meetings and services. The

accommodation will be for 400. Estimated cost, £1200. Applicant, Rev. E. A. Amyat Burney.—£50 voted.

18.—M.B.F., No. 631.—SARNAN, in the parish of Penbryn, near Llandyssul. Dio. S. David's.—The parish of Penbryn is one of the largest in the Archdeaconry Cardigan,' being seven miles by five miles, and covering an area of 8347 acres. The only Church stands on the edge of the sea, and out of the reach of any but a very small number of the parishioners. The ministrations of the Church cannot be provided for the people unless a new Church is built. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend that a grant from the Mission Buildings Fund be made in this case, as it is a very urgent one, hoping that a more Churchlike building may be erected at some future time. Proposed accommodation for 122. Estimated cost, £635. Applicant, Rev. A. Britten.—£40 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 635.—THE HOLMES, in the parish of Kimberworth, near Rotherham. Dio. York.—This district contains 555 dwelling-houses, many of them with two and three families in each; the nearest Church is about a mile distant. The building, besides being used for divine worship, will be used for Sunday-schools, Bible classes, and meetings. The site is vested in the Archbishop of York, the Archdeacon, and incumbent. The Mission Church will hold 255. Estimated cost, £810.

Applicant, Rev. W. H. Carr.-£50 voted.

Summary of grants, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of G	rants.			Diocese.			Amount.
I				York			50
2			٠.	London			350
1				Durham			100
I				Winchester			50
2				Bath and W	ells	•	60
I				Gloucester a	nd I	Bristo	l 20
I				Lichfield			15
I				Llandaff			100
I		•		Manchester			40
1				Rochester			50
I				S. Alban's			60
3				S. David's			190
I	•			Worcester			25
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

11		General	Fund		•		£780
5	•	Mission	Buildings	Fund	1		230
1		"R. M.	Fund"			. ,	100
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A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, May the 26th, 1887, at 12 o'clock.

Present—The Venerable the Archdeacon of Essex in the Chair.

Lord Robartes.

Rev. Canon Cazenove.

Rev. C. A. Jones.

J. Hilton, Esq.

Arthur Powell, Esq.

Edward Thornton, Esq.

J. F. France, Esq.

Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were :-

General Fund . Mission Building					£430	(10	C . C
Mission Building	s Fund				39	92 };	₹4693
"R. M. Fund"							46
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. G. H. W. Windsor-Clive, Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9180.—BOOTHEN, ALL SAINTS, in the parish of Stoke-on-Trent. Dio. Lichfield.—For the past twenty-nine years the Rector of Stoke has been striving to meet the wants of his rapidly increasing population by the erection of Mission Churches and Schools. Between the censuses of 1871 and 1881 the population increased by 5000. Seven curates are employed at the applicant's sole expense. This permanent Church is to take the place of an existing temporary building. The new Church is designed to accommodate 566; all seats free. The estimated cost is £3767. Applicant, the Ven. Archdeacon Sir Lovelace T. Stamer, Bart.; Architects, Messrs. Lynam and Rickman, Stoke-on-Trent.—£120 voted.

2.—No. 9059.—CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

3.—No. 9142.—ROGERSTONE, S. JOHN, in the parish of Bassaleg, near Newport. Dio. Llandaff.—The erection of this Church has been in contemplation for some considerable time, and a committee to carry out the object has been formed for the last twelve months. Owing to the erection of large works in the district, the population is rapidly increasing; the majority of the inhabitants are labourers. The new Church will hold 302; all seats free. The estimated expense will be £1815. Applicant, Rev. J. Jones; Architect, Mr. E. A. Johnson, Abergavenny.—£100 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

4.—No. 9157.—Ash, Holy Trinity, near Martock. Dio. Bath and Wells.—This Church was built in A.D. 1840, assisted by a grant of £150 from this Society; it is most cold, comfortless, and repelling. The bulk of the floor of the area is taken

up with ugly perpendicular boxes, and the poor are telescoped into a cramped and out-of-the-way position under the gallery. It is proposed to do away with the gallery, reseat the nave uniformly, and make all the seats free and open to the parishioners, at an estimated outlay of £880. Applicant, Rev. A. M. Lewis; Architect, Mr. J. N. Johnston, London.—£60 voted.

5.—No. 9176.—High Halstow, S. Margaret, near Rochester. Dio. Rochester. This Church is an interesting one, with work of the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth centuries. The tower has been rebuilt in modern times in a poor style. The chancel was repaired a few years ago, and is now curtained off and used for service. The remainder of the building, except the tower, is in a deplorable condition, and cannot be used on account of the condition of the roofs and the falling of the plaster ceiling. The repair of the fabric being imperative, and the funds available inadequate for the whole work, chairs will be used instead of fixed benches. Eightynine seats will be added. The estimated cost is £1381. Applicant, Rev. C. Longfield; Architect, Mr. E. Christian, London.—£60 voted.

6.—No. 9032.—How Caple, S. Marv, near Ross. Dio. Hereford.—The chancel was built in the fifteenth century, the rest of the Church in the seventeenth century. It was last repaired in 1639, and is now in a very bad state. Seventy-four seats will be added. The estimated cost is £1545. Applicant, Rev. T. B. Paynter; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£50 voted.

7.—No. 9169.—LLANFIHANGEL CRUCORNEY, S. MICHAEL, near Abergavenny. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church was built A.D. 1350. Though the increased number of seats is not great, all the seats will be free, and well placed. An inconvenient gallery will be done away with, and what now is the vestry, will again become part of the Church, the tower being fitted up as a vestry. The chancel has just been restored at the cost of £300, raised in the parish and neighbourhood. The cost is estimated at £210. Applicant, Rev. A. R. Blundell; Architect, Mr. R. Creed, London.—£5 voted.

8.—No. 9162.—RHOSYMEDRE, S. JOHN, near Ruabon. Dio. S. Asaph.—This Church was built A.D. 1836, assisted by a grant of £400 from this Society. It is unattractive and inconvenient for purposes of Divine worship. Owing to the crowded seating there is not sufficient open space to place even a lectern anywhere. The high-backed, square, and narrow pews in one part, and plain open benches, with a rail for a back, in another part, allowing no convenience for kneeling; the obstruction of light in the transepts by the low galleries in them, one of which is unsafe, and therefore closed, all conduce to make this Church the most defective in the diocese. 148 seats will be added; 180 seats in the Church are pew-rented. The cost is estimated at £850. Applicant, Rev. J. W. Thomas; Architect, Mr. W. H. Spaull, Oswestry.—£25 voted.

9.—No. 9031.—Soller's Hope, S. Michael, near Ross. Dio. Hereford.—This Church was built in the fifteenth century. There are no records of any repairs, and the building is very dilapidated. This parish and How Capel (No. 6) are held by the same incumbent, and they are both very small, poor parishes. Sir John de Solers (whose only daughter, Maud, was wife of William de Whyttyngton, of the county of Warwick) was Lord of the Manor of Soler's Hope in the thirteenth century, and whose great grandson, Sir Richard Whyttyngton (thrice Lord Mayor of London), was born in the manor-house. Forty-nine seats will be added. The estimated cost is £1545. Applicant, Rev. T. B. Paynter; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£40 voted.

10.-No. 9182.-Turnham Green, Christ Church. Dio. London.-This

Church was built A.D. 1841, assisted by a grant of £300 from this Society. The Church is surrounded by galleries up to the chancel arch. There is no room for a pulpit, and there is none; in consequence of this there is a difficulty in keeping order in the galleries, which for the most part are out of the sight of the clergy. The chancel proposed is to give room for a pulpit and choir, and also for the communicants and clergy to pass and repass at the celebration, which they cannot do now with any facility. 103 seats will be added. The Church holds 1033 seats in all, of which 427 seats are pew-rented. The estimated cost is £1100. Applicant, Rev. S. Arnott; Architect, Mr. J. Brooks, London.—£50 voted.

11.—No. 9174.—WIX, S. MARY, near Manningtree. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church was built A.D. 1745. It is not known when any repairs were done, and the building is in a very bad state. The population consists entirely of farmers (who have suffered greatly from the agricultural depression) and labourers; there are no resident gentry. Eighty-four seats will be added. The estimated cost is £844. Applicant, Rev. P. Benwell; Architects, Messrs. Wadmore and Baker, London.—£60 voted.

12.—No. 9164.—YSTRADYFODWG, S. JOHN, near Pontypridd. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church was built A.D. 1050, and rebuilt in 1844, assisted by a grant of £40 from this Society; and substantially repaired in 1866. In consequence of houses having been built around it and the public roads raised, it is now in a hollow, and in wet weather is occasionally flooded. It is therefore proposed to raise the floor and ceiling at least four feet. The Church also needs enlargement, as it cannot contain one-half the persons who wish to worship in it. All the services held in the Church are in the Welsh language, and the congregation is entirely composed of working men and their families. In 1801 the population of the parish was 542; it is now upwards of 33,000. 253 seats will be added, and the estimated outlay is £1575. Applicant, Rev. W. Lewis; Architect, Mr. E. M. B. Vaughan, Cardiff. £80 voted.

III. Mission Buildings.—Further Aid.

13.—M.B.F., No. 604.—PARKGATE, S. SAVIOUR, near Rotherham. Dio. York.—Every exertion has been made to raise the funds required to build this Mission Church, but unsuccessfully. The parish is a very poor one, consisting mostly of poor miners and forgemen.—£30 was voted in November, 1886; £20 now added, making £50 in all.

Su	mmar	y of g	grant	s, arı	ranged acco	ording	to D	ioces	es :—
No.	of Gran	nts.			Diocese.			A	mount.
	I				York .			•	20
	I				London				50
	I				Bath and	Wells			60
	2				Hereford				90
	I				Lichfield				I 20
	3				Llandaff				185
	I				Rochester				60
	I				S. Alban'	s .			бо
	I				S. Asaph		b		25
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These	grants	were voted from	the	severa	al F	unds	as follow	/s :-
11		General Fund		•			£650	
I		Mission Buildin	ngs	Fund			20	
I 2						Tota	£670	

A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, June the 16th, 1837, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX in the Chair.

LORD ROBARTES.	LieutCol. the Hon. G. H. W. WINDSOR-
Rev. C. A. JONES.	CLIVE.
Rev. C. F. NORMAN.	ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
Rev. C. WYATT SMITH.	Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.
JOHN BOODLE, Esq.	

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund	•	•	•	•	•	•	£3	7197	CATOR
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"R. M. Fund"				•				•	46
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The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

1.—No. 9181.—Burmantofts, S. Agnes, near Leeds. Dio. Ripon.—Deferred. 2.—No. 9059.—Cardiff, S. Dyfrig. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

^{3.—}No. 9187.—Solway Ash, in the parish of Netherbury. Dio. Salisbury.—This part of Netherbury parish, consisting of 600 souls, has no Church accommodation at all. A service is held every Sunday in the National Schools, but the accommodation is very inadequate. The two principal landowners are Unitarians, and two out of five farmers are Dissenters. The Archdeacon of Dorset states, "In my opinion there is scarcely any place in the diocese where a Church is more needed." The new Church will contain accommodation for 220; all seats free. Estimated cost, £1580. Applicant, Rev. W. Gildea; Architects, Messrs. Crickmay and Son, London.—£100 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

4.—No. 9185.—Norton, S. Peter, in the parish of Malton. Dio. York.—Norton is a suburb of the borough of Malton. The Church was built A.D. 1815; it is an unsuitable and unsightly edifice, wholly inadequate to the wants of the population. Deducting the seats for choir and school children, only 200 are left for the parishioners, all of which being appropriated under faculties, there are no available free seats for the poor. The churchwardens are unable to assign pews to the numerous applicants, or even to accommodate occasional worshippers. The old Church is to be retained, as the new one will be on a different site, and will contain 434 additional seats. The estimated cost is £4200, excluding the tower. Applicant, Rev. C. J. Chapman; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£90 voted.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

5.—No. 7174.—BENFORD, S. JOHN BAPTIST. Dio. Oxford.—This is a very large Church, above the usual size of a parish Church, therefore the work of restoring has been done in portions as funds came in. The town itself is very poor, but altogether £5668 have been raised and expended in the restoration, which has been substantially and handsomely done. The works now required are the restoration of north and south transepts; the burgess aisle and the roofs over are in a bad state, hardly-safe. The new works, where required, will simply be an exact copy of the old. In July, 1870, the sum of £50 was voted towards the restoration, and £25 paid in November, 1878; the balance of £25 having lapsed, was cancelled in February, 1885. The present application is for the renewal of the £25, and a request for a little more. The late Mr. G. E. Street was the architect for the restoration. The estimated cost of the work now to be done is £809. Applicant, Rev. W. A. Cass; present Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£30 voted.

6.—No. 9177.—DUKINFIELD, S. MARK. Dio. Chester.—This Church was built A.D. 1846, assisted by a grant of £450 from this Society. This parish (except in a south-westerly direction) is compact, densely populated, and is said to contain more cottage property in proportion to its size than any other town in England. It is one of the strongholds of Dissent; there are six dissenting Chapels within five minutes' walk of the Church, and the employers of labour are nearly all Nonconformists. The present condition of the interior of the building is gloomy, cold, and unattractive. Estimated cost, £500. Applicant, Rev. R. Salkeld; Architect, Mr. W. Spinks, Dukinfield.—£40 voted.

7.-No. 9175.-Costessey, near Norwich. Dio. Norwich.-Deferred.

8.—No. 9166.—ESTWELL, S. MICHAEL, near Melton Mowbray. Dio. Peterborough.—This Church was built in the twelfth century. This application is for structural repairs only, the walls and roofs being in such a bad state as to require immediate attention. The proposed new vestry, new seats, pulpit, and reading desk are left in abeyance, but will be added hereafter if funds can be raised for the purpose. The present seats accommodate the congregation, and will do fairly well for a year or two, whereas the fabric is in urgent need of attention. Estimated cost, £842. Applicant, Rev. M. F. C. West; Architect, Mr. E. Shelbourn, Melton Mowbray.—£20 voted.

9.—No. 9183.—MOULTON, S. MICHEL, near Long Stratton. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1400, and is now very dilapidated; the tower has to be

rebuilt. The parish is poor. A farmer of 230 acres is the chief landowner, and there are no resident gentry. Estimated expense, £951. Applicant, Rev. E. A. Chute; Architect, Mr. H. J. Green, Norwich.—£25 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

10.—No. 8842.—This Church is well advanced towards completion, and will be ready for consecration at the end of July. In view of the heavy expense which is being incurred, and the fact that the congregation consists chiefly of people of very moderate means, the committee for building the Church venture to hope that the Society will increase the grant already made. Applicant, Rev. H. Westall.—Grant voted in April, 1884, £100. £50 additional, making £150 in all.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.

11. — M.B.F., No. 636. — BERMONDSEY, S. AUGUSTINE. Dio. Rochester. — Deferred.

12.—M.B.F., No. 639.—CROFTON, in the parish of Orpington, Kent. Dio. Canterbury.—The district in which this Mission Church is to be built contains a population of 400 inhabitants, and is fully two miles distant from the parish Church. It is intended to be so constructed as itself to form the chancel of a future Church if one should become necessary, as is likely in this part of the parish; but it may very probably be consecrated as it is. It will hold 100 people. Estimated cost, £630. Applicant, Rev. J. N. Heale.—£25 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 637.—PARKESTON, in the parish of Ramsey, near Harwich. Dio. S. Alban's.—This application is a request for a grant towards the purchase of an iron Church and its erection in an outlying part of Ramsey parish, nearly three miles from the parish Church, where there is a population of 700 people, and quite certain to go on increasing. At Parkeston is the new quay, to which the Great Eastern Railway Company transferred the whole of their Continental traffic; at present there is no place of worship, but a hired room quite inadequate to the wants of the place. The iron Church will hold 250 people. Estimated cost, £200. Applicant, Rev. R. A. Oram.—£15 voted.

14.—M.B.F., No. 638.—Wellington College Mission, in the parish of S. Peter's, Walworth. Dio. Rochester.—This is a conventional district separated from the parish, and has a population of 5000. The site is promised to the Mission by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who will have control over the buildings erected thereon. The expenses of the services will be defrayed by the fund subscribed by Wellington College. In the future, when the contemplated Church is built, this building will be used as a parish room. The building will hold 360 persous. Estimated cost, £1200. Applicant, Rev. J. T. Steele.—£50 voted.

VI. MISSION BUILDINGS.—FURTHER AID.

15.—M.B.F., No. 598.—THE NURSERY, in the parish of East Hoathly, near Hawkhurst. Dio. Chichester.—An additional grant is asked for, as there is a deficiency in the funds of £80. The applicant also states that the building is finished, and is a complete success. Applicant, Rev. II. Harbord.—Grant of £10 voted July, 1886. £10 voted, making £20 in all.

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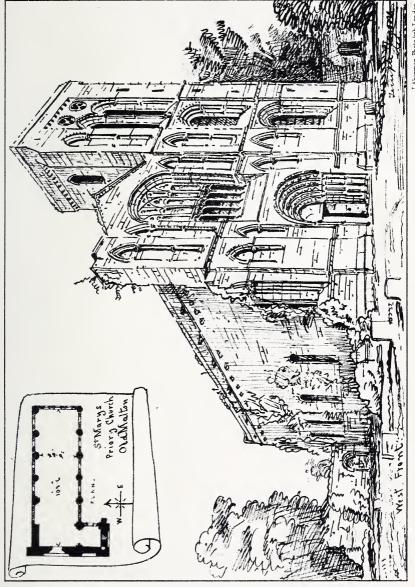
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The Priory Church of S. Mary, Gld Malton, Porkshire.

THE Priory Church of S. Mary at Old Malton has interest, architectural beauty, and almost unique associations. It is the only existing Church of the Gilbertine Order, with the exception of the comparatively insignificant Church at Sempringham. The Gilbertine canons had their first house at Sempringham, in Lincolnshire, and took their name from Gilbert, their founder. They had twenty-six houses in England, and of these, eleven were in Lincolnshire, and five in Yorkshire, viz. Watton, York, Old Malton, Ovington, and Ellerton. Old Malton was founded in 1150, by Eustace FitzJohn, only two years after the Sempringham Priory. Both canons and canonesses in some cases occupied different portions of the same priory, but it seems





doubtful whether this arrangement existed at Old Malton. FitzJohn lived in the very uncomfortable days of King Stephen, and had his share in the troubles of the time, for he held Malton Castle against his king in 1138. Perhaps surrounding circumstances induced him to take to the Gilbertines, and made him think that a quiet community house for men and women was a felt need of his period.

Only fragments of the nave and of one of the western towers still remain, but they are enough to show the stateliness of the building when complete. The late Sir Gilbert Scott had a way of speaking strongly of the value of buildings upon which he was asked to report, but probably he did not say a word too much after surveying this Church. He wrote: "Should anything happen to the Church, it would be a calamity, as the loss of a magnificent remain of one of the noblest periods of mediæval art. No period is, in my opinion, so replete with beauty and vigour and original art, and few examples of this are finer than the work at Old Malton, which, I presume, dates about 1190, or in the later years of the great transition from Romanesque to Pointed architecture, and is a most valuable national monument, the loss of which would be irreparable." After this, Lord Fitzwilliam spent £3000 on the tower, putting it into a state of very complete repair. The nave, which has lost its clerestory, is most meanly fitted, and the roof is insecure and lets in water. The aisles have been destroyed, the arcades walled up, and only six out of the eight bays of the nave exist; nevertheless, even though only a fragment, the Church is still dignified and impressive. The outline of the eastern limb can still be traced, and very grand it must have looked from the opposite bank of the Derwent. The only reminiscence of the community buildings is a crypt beneath a neighbouring house now called the "Abbey." This crypt seems to have been beneath the west end of the refectory. The rectangular east end proves that less than a century after the Conquest, English Church builders had "reverted to type," and thrown off the Continental influence of the Normans. At the present, the east end of the nave is a modern wall with a wretched window.

The vicar, the Rev. E. A. Pitman, is doing his best to raise £ 3000 to repair and refurnish the Church. Mr. Temple L. Moore, of 6, Downshire Hill, Hampstead, N.W., has prepared plans, and a substantial roof of oak will be immediately placed on the nave. No effort will be made to make a conjectural restoration of missing parts, and the approval of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is a witness to the conservative aims of the repairers.

Some well-carved misereres remain, but are placed in an absurd position against the east wall; they will be removed to the fifth bay of the nave. An organ is to be set up in the triforium, and a painted triptych will hide the window of 1844.

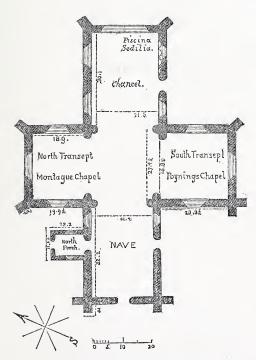
Archbishop Holgate, whose name is still remembered in Yorkshire for his munificent foundations, was prior of the neighbouring Gilbertine house at Watton, near Driffield. He surrendered Watton to the king, and then, on being made Archbishop of York, used his wits to enrich himself. When he was translated from Llandaff to York in 1544, he is said to have handed over to the king thirteen manors in Northumberland, forty in Yorkshire, six in Nottinghamshire, and eight in Gloucestershire, all of them the property of the See of York. The transaction sounds queer, and looks like simony. Probably the schools at Malton and York, and the foundation at Hemsworth, were the outcome of a stricken conscience.

There are so many conventual buildings of the first class in Yorkshire, that the Priory at Old Malton is often overlooked; but it is worth seeing, and Malton is an excellent base for ecclesiological operations. Several branches of the North-Eastern Railway meet there, and from it Rievaulx, Byland, Whitby, Beverley, Kirkham, Watton, Scarborough, and York can easily be visited. At the sister Priory of Watton no trace of the Church remains, though there is a charming bit of Tudor brickwork.

Popnings Church, Sussex.

THE Church of Poynings is worthy of the beautiful scenery in which it is placed, and of its associations with the romantic





POYNINGS CHURCH, SUSSEX.

North-East Elevation and Plan.



history of three noble families. In the Domesday Survey the parish is credited with a Church and two priests; but the existing structure was built, now rather more than five hundred years ago, in pursuance of the will of Michael, third Baron Poynings, who, after fighting at Crecy and Poictiers, died in 1360. A chauntry was founded by his son Richard, the fifth baron, in the south transept, which became the family buryingplace. On the death of Robert, sixth baron, in 1445, the title, with the castle and manor, passed by marriage to the Percys, Earls of Northumberland, who were consequently Barons Poynings till the loss of all their dignities by attainder in 1537. (Sir Richard Poynings, the famous Lord Deputy of Ireland, was a first cousin of the Poynings heiress.) The manor, with the advowson of Poynings, was, however, sold by Henry Algernon, sixth Earl of Northumberland, to Henry VIII., and was granted by the king in tail male to Sir Anthony Browne, whose eldest son was in 1554 created Viscount Montague. 1793 the eighth Viscount Montague was drowned in the Falls of Schaffhausen, a few weeks after the destruction by fire of his magnificent house at Cowdray; and on the death of his cousin, the ninth viscount, in 1797, the title became extinct, and the manor of Poynings escheated to the Crown.

Of the castle of the Lords Poynings the foundations alone remain, but their Church still stands, an imposing monument of departed greatness, showing externally but slight traces of the lapse of five centuries.

The architecture of the Church is of the transition from Decorated to Perpendicular, and is of singular dignity and simplicity. The chancel, nave, and transepts project to nearly equal distances from each of the sides of the massive central tower, so that the whole interior is divisible into five parts of very similar dimensions, together constituting a figure most resembling a Greek cross. Of the five parts, that which has suffered most is the south transept, or Poynings Chantry. As early as 1525 we read how it "ad talem deducta est ruinam quod ecclesia ipsa de Poynings non solum deformitatem sustinet ex ruinositate ejusdem cantariæ, verumetiam magnam indies in luminibus et ornamentis ejusdem patitur jacturam."

When Dr. Holland became rector at the beginning of the present century, he found this transept wholly given up to damp and darkness. It had been partitioned off by a lath and plaster screen, all its windows had been walled up, its tombs had been rifled, and its floor had been left in broken masses. This state of things has been remedied, and many improvements have also been gradually effected in other parts of the Church in the time of the late and present rectors. The most important of the works carried out in recent years have been the restoration and re-roofing of the chancel in 1875-6, by the rector, and of the north, or Montague, transept in 1881, by the Office of Woods. These are now in perfect condition, and the south, or chauntry, transept, after being reopened, as previously mentioned, by the late rector, has been kept in good order; but the state of the tower and nave occasions much anxiety. These portions of the Church, for the maintenance of which the parish at large would be responsible but for the abolition of Church-rates, have evidently at no time been thoroughly repaired. The massive walls, except where the north wall of the nave has cracked and bulged to an extent which threatens disaster, have suffered this neglect with impunity. But the wood-work is everywhere hopelessly decayed, and rain comes copiously through the roofs. The churchwardens of former days seem never to have renewed timber that had become unsound, but merely to have spliced, underpinned, patched, or clamped together the falling beams, till most of the pews beneath them are too dangerous, or too damp, for occupation.

A committee, consisting of the rector, the churchwardens, the landowners, and some neighbouring clergy, has been formed to collect funds for the substantial restoration of the tower and nave, and has engaged the services of Mr. Christian as architect. The subscriptions already obtained from the parish itself, the landowners, including the Crown, the Church-building Societies, and persons interested in the neighbourhood, are such as will enable the work upon the tower to be carried out during the present summer. Considerable additional funds will be needed before the Committee will see its way to executing the pressingly necessary work upon the nave. When this has been done,



S. SAVIGUR'S CHURCH, COLEY, READING.

the fabric of this interesting Church will be safe. There will, however, still remain much to be done in the way of the repair and rearrangement of the sittings. It is, perhaps, too much to hope that the time will come when some generously disposed lover of architecture will complete the restoration of this Church to its pristine beauty by giving a new roof and a new south window to the chauntry transept. The present roof has been lowered, in the economical repairs of past centuries, much below its original pitch, and below the pitch of the roofs of the chancel, nave, and north transept; while the south window is a makeshift, of singularly mean design, inserted about fifty years ago in the place of one which had long disappeared. (For fuller information, see an article by the Rev. T. A. Holland, Rector, in vol. xv. of the Sussex Archæological Society's Collections.)

S. Sabiour's, Coley, Reading.

THE district in which this Church is now being built, is one of those so frequently found in the suburbs of rising towns, which, as a populated neighbourhood, has until recent years been unknown, though in other respects it had in former times some notoriety. Coley, formerly Colney, was originally comprised within the demesne of the Colney family. In the north aisle of the mother Church (S. Mary) was once a Colney's Chantry. This chapel or chantry was instituted A.D. 1372, in the reign of Edward III., probably by one of the Colney family, for the benefit of the souls of the king, William and Johanna Catour, Thomas and John de Colney, and for the souls of all the faithful interred within S. Mary's Church. An annual rent-charge of 25s. was applied to the establishment of a chaplain; and the presentation to the chantry, after the decease of William Catour, was vested in the Mayor of Reading; or in the Bishop of Salisbury (Reading being then in the diocese of Sarum), if no presentation were made within three months. Twelve incumbents were appointed to this chaplaincy, ending with Richard Turner, 1523, who had an annuity of six pounds per annum settled on him for life, when the chantry was dissolved in the reign of Henry VIII.

The Vachells subsequently held Coley, and this family built an aisle on the site of the Colney Chantry. There is a legend of Vachell, that he would not suffer the Abbot of Reading to carry hay through his yard. The abbot, after many messages, sent a monk, whom Vachell, in fury, killed, but was forced to fly; and he and his thenceforth took this motto: "It is better to suffer than to revenge." The abbot claimed the privilege as lord of the manor of Reading, and impropriator of the great tythes in the parish of S. Mary. The Corporation of Reading also claim, and still assert, their right to pass over a bridge near which, it is said, the monk was slain: thus much for a former notoriety of Coley.

The district continued for many generations to enjoy sylvan beauty, but by the necessities of modern industry is now in a measure besieged by a thick population of the poorer class. Twelve years since a mission-room was opened, in which services were held; and ten years ago an iron Church was put up, and two clergymen were set apart to work regularly in the district. The time has now come for another step forward; the iron Church (which did two years' work at Farnham) is now twelve years old, and cannot last very much longer; since its erection, street after street has been built, and the population is now not less than 4000. Building still continues, and there is every prospect that an important quarter of the town will gradually be formed in the once secluded Coley. The delay in making this effort has solved the question of the site, and all are agreed that the permanent Church shall be built on the ground kindly given by J. B. Monck, Esq., the present owner and lord of the manor of Coley: it has been conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; the new streets converge to this spot, and it will probably be the centre of the future district.

The new Church, of which a view is given, is designed to hold 600 persons, or, with the addition of another bay, 700 persons. It will be entirely free and open. The cost will be about £7000; but at present it is proposed to build only a portion of the Church to hold 400, for which the cost will be about £5000. The plan of the Church will comprise nave, 78 feet long and 27 feet wide; chancel, 34 feet long, of the same width and height

as nave, and having circular end; north and south aisles, to feet wide, with a transept or morning chapel on the south side, of the length of the eastern bay of nave and of the chancel; clergy and choir vestries on the north side of the chancel. The eastern part of the Church will be first erected; then the western portion, which will comprise two or three bays of nave, baptistry, and north and south entrance porches. The style adopted is Middle Pointed, and it will be built of local-made red bricks, and Box ground stone; the brick and stone-work showing internally. The roof will be open timbered with moulded rib principals and tiebeams; the height to plate, 30 feet, and to apex, 50 feet above nave floor. There will be no chancel arch; the roof being continuous, but marked at the junction of nave with chancel by a double ribbed enriched principal and massive tie-beam supporting a bold cross. Externally the roof will be covered with Broseley tiles, crosses terminating the ridge and ends of nave. The clerestory will be a continuous series of arches, having three single-light windows to each bay. The chancel will be raised well above nave floor, and the plan is arranged to give the fullest view practicable of the Holy Table. Framed stalls will be provided for the clergy and choir, but the seating of the nave will be by chairs. The Church will be fortunate in possessing a most interesting and unique carved oak lectern (a pelican plucking her breast to feed her young) which was formerly in use at the mother Church of the parish.

Correspondence.

MONSIEUR,—Je vous remercie du compte-rendu impartial et bienveillant que renferme le numéro d'Avril de The Church Builder sur La Palestine au temps de Jésus Christ.

Permettez-moi de vous dire que sur la naissance du Seigneur (p. 36, note) je fais une simple supposition et que je n'affirme pas qu'il soit né à Beit-Lahm. J'ajoute (et ceci est pour moi très-important) que sur les mesures et distances la traductrice a fait des fautes. Elle a traduit "mile" le mot français "lieue." Or il y a dans une lieue "deux milles et demi" ou "quatre mille mètres."

Je vous prie de vouloir bien insérer cette rectification dans votre prochain numéro et d'agréer l'assurance de mes sentiments très-dévoué,

EDMOND STAPFER, Docteur en théologie, pasteur.

Reviews, Aotices, &c.

IT does not always follow, because a man has led a good and pious life, and has consistently done his duty in that station of life in which he has been placed, that his biography should be written and published. The Life of Robert Bickersteth, D.D., Bishop of Ripon, 1857-1884 (Rivingtons), is probably a book that will be read and valued by an extensive circle of family connections, rather than command the interest of Churchmen to whom he was personally unknown. The story of a father's single-minded, laborious, if uneventful life, is well told by his son, the Rev. Montagu Cyril Bickersteth, and it illustrates the well-known fact, that the influence of a man who perseveres assiduously in an unostentatious fulfilment of the ordinary duties of life is likely to be wider and more enduring than that of one whose life may appear to the world more brilliant, and present more striking episodes. There are two things in the book which are certainly interesting, viz. a letter from Disraeli, in 1868; and the account of the wonderful Mission at Leeds, in 1875, in which the Bishop took a very prominent part. The account Disraeli gives of his own Churchmanship, in the letter alluded to, is as follows:-"I am myself bound up with no party in the Church. I frankly admit that my bias, years ago, was to High Church principles, which I held not only to be consistent with the principles of the Reformation, but their best safeguard and security. The secession of Dr. Newman, however, and his friends very much affected me in this respect, and I have ever laboured since to induce moderate men of both parties to act together against the combined efforts of disguised Jesuits and avowed infidels." During a long Episcopate the Bishop was almost continuously at his post, and there is little doubt that he left his mark upon many of the large, densely populated centres of industry in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Thy Kingdom come (Rivingtons) is the title given by Dr. Edward Bickersteth, Dean of Lichfield, to the sermon which he preached in Lambeth Palace Chapel on the Festival of the Annunciation, 1887, on the occasion of the consecration of the Ven. Archdeacon Blyth as Bishop of the English Church in Jerusalem and the East; and it is more than usually interesting for a single sermon, as in it is laid down, with apparent authority, the position which the Bishop is to maintain—a matter of recent sharp controversy.

As a production of the printer's and binder's arts, few books could be more attractive than the Variorum Teachers' Bible, on finest Indian paper, bound in Turkey morocco, limp, rounded corners, red under gilt edges (Eyre and Spottiswoode)—or, we may add, more adapted for constant use and portability. But there is more to admire than the exterior. The immense mass of information, gathered under the heading "Aids to the Student of the Holy Bible," and occupying about one-fifth of the whole book, renders it an invaluable companion to the student. It may sometimes happen that opinions are expressed and inferences drawn by the writers of these notes which might be questioned, but on the whole the notes are compiled with conspicuous fairness; and the amount of real learning and information brought forward is useful, not only for the beginner, but also to those more advanced. It would be difficult to find another book in which so much of value is compressed into so small a compass; and we think that its wide circulation amongst clergymen and other teachers of religion would be productive of much benefit both to the teachers and to the taught.

A Manual for Lent, by F. C. Woodhouse, M.A. (Wells Gardner, Darton, and Co.), reached us too late to notice in our last number, which was published in Lent. That

this is the sixth edition would seem to show that it has already met with a wide appreciation. The daily spiritual readings are not merely meditations on divine truths, but they touch upon many problems of social and active life; and the writer suggests reflection on not a few matters for anxious thought in connection with subjects that meet us in every-day life. The following passage is a keen satire on luxurious habits (p. 185):—

"'Apes and peacocks,' far-fetched, most costly, but how little worth! Is there not covert irony in this anti-climax that sums up Solomon's trade in such things as these? A long voyage, perils for brave men, time, cost, labour, anxiety, and the result,—'apes and peacocks!' Yes, is it not still so? Wealth and luxury, ease and idleness, the much-envied pinnacles of human happiness, the toys of the favoured few, what are they still but 'silver and gold, ivory, and apes, and peacocks'?"

Faculties and Difficulties for Belief and Disbelief, by Canon Paget, Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology at Oxford (Rivingtons), is the title of a volume of sermons, delivered at different times and places, but now grouped together with the object of presenting two aspects of the thoughts suggested by the title. In the first part of the volume, the author dwells upon some faculties of the inner life, the neglect or misuse of which may sometimes hinder the soul from making its answer to the appeal of outward evidence. The topics here dealt with are such as-the realization of one's own personal existence; the longing for a life in which to lose and so to save one's self; the love of beauty in nature, art, and character; the dignity of man, &c. In the second part of the series, he points to some of the very serious difficulties which beset the position of disbelief. His aim is to show how impossible it is, and the history of the past shows how impossible it always has been, to arrange in any philosophy, based on the assumption that man must live without God in the world, those needs of human souls, those momentous facts in moral history, those sure experiences of the spiritual life, which do exist, and will make themselves heard, though the atheist would fain turn a deaf ear to them. Any one acquainted with the writer's style and teaching will not be disappointed in the book.

Quarterly List of Amounts received, from all Sources, in aid of the Church Building Society.

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Special Appeals.

FUNDS are urgently needed for S. AUGUSTINE'S MISSION HALL, CROYDON. Parish very poor. The work has the written approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Treasurer, Rev. C. Basset, Farleigh Villa, Avondale Road, Croydon.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, July the 21st, 1887, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF ESSEX in the Chair.

Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke.

Rev. C. F. Norman.

Rev. Canon T. W. Perry.

Rev. C. Wyatt Smith.

Rev. Canon Stapylton.

John Boodle, Esq.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W.

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J. Hilton, Esq.

G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.

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F. H. Rooke, Esq.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

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The Finance Report was prepared by Rev. C. A. Jones, Rev. George Miller, Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, G. Alan Lowndes, Esq., Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9196.—ACTON GREEN, S. ALBAN. Dio. London.—Additional Church accommodation here is so sorely needed that it is proposed to proceed at once to build the nave, which will cost £3737. The neighbourhood is very poor, and is

growing rapidly with new streets of working people. There are already 4000 in this new district. There is no Church accommodation in the district, except a Mission Church, which is near enough to the people, but quite inadequate, and always crowded. The new Church will hold 750; all seats free. Estimated cost of the whole, £5500. Applicant, Rev. A. Hunter Dunn; Architect, Mr. E. Monson, Acton.—£250 voted.

2.—No. 9181.—Burmantofts, S. Agnes, near Leeds. Dio. Ripon.—Nearly the whole of the population of the new district has accumulated since the census of 1871, and now numbers 4250. A temporary Church was built for the district in July, 1877, which accommodates 350 persons. This is now altogether inadequate for the ordinary congregation. The parishioners are entirely of the labouring and artisan classes; poor, yet respectable. The proposed Church is designed to accommodate 656 persons; all seats free. Estimated cost, £4500. Architects, Messrs. Kelly and Birchall, Leeds.—£50 voted.

(Owing to the operation of Rule XXXIII., the grant in this case could not be made of larger amount.)

3.—No. 9059.—CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

4.—No. 9190.—NANTYMOEL, in the parish of Llandyfodwg, near Bridgend. Dio. Llandaff.—The district in which this Church is to be built has a population of nearly 4000, and is a poor district composed of colliers and their families. The wages now earned are so small that nothing can be expected from them. The services in the proposed Church will be chiefly in Welsh, on account of the predominating numbers of Welsh in the locality. The Church will hold 214 persons; all seats free. The estimated cost is £1137. Applicant, Rev. W. Hughes; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.—£50 voted.

5.—No. 9128.—NOTTINGHAM, S. GEORGE. Dio. Southwell.—Deferred.

6.—No. 9194.—Peterborough, All Saints. Dio. Peterborough.—Deferred.

7.—No. 9200.—ROATH, S. SAVIOUR, near Cardiff. Dio. Llandaff.—This district is growing rapidly, and has a population of 8000, and there are several streets still in course of completion, and besides these some projected streets containing 400 houses are already marked out, and will be commenced this year. This great increase has been caused by the formation of a large new dock, which is now about to be opened and used. The present Mission Church is now filled, and Church room is much needed in the immediate future. It is proposed to build the chancel and nave in the first instance, should funds not allow the carrying out the complete plans. The total estimated outlay is £6600; and the Church when completed will hold 880 persons; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. R. J. Ives; Architects, Messrs. Bodley and Garner, London.—£200 voted.

8.—No. 9005.—SHIRESHEAD, S. JAMES, near Garstang. Dio. Manchester.—This Society voted a grant of £60 towards the rebuilding of Shireshead Parish Church on a new site. The site then promised has been withdrawn, and a new one equally convenient has been conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; but the altered site requires new plans. The new Church as now proposed is not to be the Parish Church; the existing Church is to be altered and improved, and the new Church, being nearly a mile distant from the present Church, is to be a Chapel-of-Ease to it, with accommodation for 106 adults instead of 200. The new Church will hold 106 persons; all seats free. The estimated cost is £1500. Applicant, Rev. J. Bickerdike; Architects, Messrs. Kelly and Birchall, Leeds.—£45 granted.

9.—No. 9053.—West Ham, S. Thomas. Dio. S. Alban's.—At present there is an iron Church in this district, under the charge of a Mission clergyman. The congregation is fast becoming too large for the Church, and the building itself is

wearing out. The work at present carried on is very successful. The people live close round the Church, and occupy a site which a few years ago was open fields. The parish has increased in population from less than 6000 in 1871 to 17,000 at the present time. An eligible site has been given. There will be large parochial rooms on the ground-floor under the Church. The estimated cost is £6935, and accommodation will be provided for 800; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. Canon Scott; Architect, Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, London.—£200 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

10.—No. 9203.—CLIFFORD, S. MARY. Dio. Hereford.—This Church was built in the twelfth century; reseated and enlarged in 1838, assisted by a grant of £100 from this Society, but done in a very inconvenient manner, the chancel being with high pews facing west, and allowing no proper space for Communion rails. The addition consisted of a large excrescence on the north side, with a gallery above, which was so close to the roof as to be unfit for sittings. It is now proposed to remove this excrescence, to build a lean-to aisle in character with the ancient part of the Church, and to build an organ-chamber and vestry on the north side of the chancel. The Commissioners restore the chancel. Thirteen seats will be added. Estimated cost, £1377. Applicant, Rev. T. W. W. Trumper; Architect, Mr. E. Christian, London.—£20 voted.

11.-No. 9175.-Costessey, near Norwich. Dio. Norwich.-Deferred.

12.—No. 9197.—COVENTRY, S. PETER. Dio. Worcester.—The present Church accommodation is quite unfitted for public worship, the pews being old and angular. The parish being so poor, it is difficult to raise the whole of the money required, but the local Church Extension Society has given the largest possible amount the rules allow, and the people are doing all in their power to further the object in view. Sixty seats are to be added. 559 seats out of 1314 are rented. Estimated cost, £594. Applicant, Rev. H. A. Butler; Architect, Mr. H. Quick, Coventry.—£20 voted.

13.—No. 9188.—LITTLE STUKELEY, S. MARTIN, near Huntingdon. Dio. Ely.— This Church was built in the fifteenth century, and partially repaired in 1854; the building is now dilapidated. The parish is very poor; and no persons of influence in it able to afford means to restore the Church themselves. The living depends entirely on 270 acres of land for its income, and 188 of these, on account of the agricultural depression, cannot be let. Twelve seats will be added. Estimated cost, £1060. Applicant, Rev. J. Stewart; Architect, Mr.R. Hutchinson, Huntingdon.—

£20 voted.

14.—No. 9165.—MYNACHLOGDDU, S. DOGMAEL, near Clynderwen. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

15.—No. 9198.—MYTHOLMROYD, S. MICHAEL. Dio. Ripon.—This Church was built A.D. 1847, assisted by a grant of £230 from this Society. The inhabitants are purely a working-class population. 122 seats are to be added, all free. The estimated cost is £1500. Applicant, Rev. W. J. Jungbluth; Architects, Messrs. Healey, Bradford.—£15 voted.

16.—No. 9193.—SAUNDERTON, S. MARY, near Princes Risborough. Dio. Oxford.

--This Church is very dilapidated, the roofs are badly decayed; some of the walls require rebuilding, as they are falling over much out of the upright. It is proposed to re-use the existing seats, which are fairly good. The estimated outlay is £945. Applicant, Rev. O. J. Grace; Architect, Mr. J. S. Alder, London.—£25 voted.

17.—No. 9199.—URMSTON, S. CLEMENT, near Manchester. Dio. Manchester.—This Church was built A.D. 1868, substantially repaired in 1875, at a cost of £1000;

the building is now in good repair. The district is a poor one, consisting principally of labourers and clerks in warehouses. 327 seats are to be added; 467 out of a total of 798 are rented. The estimated cost is £1800. Applicant, Rev. E. H. Cooke; Architects, Messrs. Whittenbury and Mather, Manchester.—£40 voted.

III. FURTHER AID.

18.—No. 8984.—LLANSAWEL, S. SAWYL, near Llandilo. Dio. S. David's.— The restoration of this Church is nearly complete. The committee for the restoration adopted the more expensive of the alternative of plans submitted and approved by this Society, thereby increasing the cost by £230. The tower is very much dilapidated, and the applicant asks that the grant may be increased on condition of the tower being thoroughly repaired. Applicant, Rev. C. Chidlow.—Grant voted April, 1885, £35. £10 added, making in all £45.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

19.—M.B.F., No. 642.—ALDERSHOT, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Winchester.—In the district where this Mission Church is to be placed there are from 1500 to 2000 inhabitants, and distant three-quarters of a mile from the Parish Church, and much more from any other Church. Besides Divine Service it will be used for Sundayschools, temperance meetings, night schools, lectures, &c. The lease is for seven years; at the end of the term it will either be renewed or the freehold purchased. The estimated cost is £400. The building will hold 200. Applicant, Rev. J. I.. G. Hadow.—£10 voted.

20.—M.B.F., No. 636.—Bermondsey, S. Augustine. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

21.—M.B.F., No. 640.—Broughton MILLS, in the parish of Broughton-in-Furness. Dio. Carlisle.—The Mission Church it is proposed to erect at Broughton Mills will be two and a half miles from the Parish Church. It will be used as a day and Sunday-school, and for meetings of a religious character. The chancel at the east end will be parted off except when wanted for Divine Service. The population is wholly agricultural, and the parish extends two miles beyond the proposed Mission Church, so that the most distant farmhouses are nearly five miles from the Parish Church. Estimated cost, £500. 140 seats will be provided. Applicant, Rev. F. A. Malleson.—£25 voted.

22.—M.B.F., No. 643.—FOSTAL, in the parish of Egerton. Dio Canterbury.—The distance of the hamlet where this Mission Building is to be erected is one and a quarter miles from the Parish Church, but the hamlet lies at the foot of a considerable hill, on the top of which the Church is situated. In this hamlet is located a Baptist meetinghouse, into which many turn to save themselves the time and trouble of the walk; the parish itself runs beyond the hamlet in question, another mile and a half, throughout which distance are scattered farms and cottages, with a population of 100. The building will hold seventy persons, and the estimated cost is £300. Applicant, Rev. F. R. Mercer.—£15 voted.

23.—M.B.F., No. 641.—TALKE, S. MARTIN. Dio. Lichfield.—This district has a population of 1000 inhabitants, and likely to increase rapidly, as works are in progress which will shortly bring 250 workmen with their families. The building is to be used for Divine Service, and for lectures and Sunday-schools. The Church will hold 202. The estimated cost is £480. Applicant, Rev. M. W. McHutchin.—£25 voted.

24.—M.B.F., No. 330.—TREORKY, S. PETER, in the parish of Ystradyfodwg, near Pontypridd. Dio. Llandaff.—In January, 1879, £25 was voted towards building

this Mission Church, but in consequence of the applicant not being able at that time to commence the work it was relinquished, and was cancelled in November, 1882. The present application is for enlarging and reseating the whole building, adding a chancel, font, pulpit, reading-desk, and making it as church-like as possible. There are more than 5000 inhabitants, and the nearest Church is two miles distant from any Church. The building will contain seats for 300, and the estimated outlay is £400. Applicant, Rev. W. Lewis.—£20 voted.

Summary of grants, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of Grants.		Diocese.			Amount.	
I			Canterbury			15
I			London			250
I			Winchester			10
I			Carlisle			25
I			Ely .			20
I			Hereford			20
I			Lichfield			25
3	•		Llandaff			270
2			Manchester			85
1			Oxford .			25
I			Peterborougl	1		100
2			Ripon .			65
I			S. Alban's			200
I			S. David's			45
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

14	•	•	General Fund		£ 1080
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19				Total	£1175
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S. Andrew's Church, Beasden-cum-Kingsbury.

UNDER the above modern title, we present our readers with a sketch of one of the most ancient Churches in England.

Some thousand years ago, a village and Saxon palace lay near this Church; but palace and cottage, like their prince and peasant owners, have long since disappeared. There is now no village of Kingsbury, and the village known as The Hyde, part

of which is in Kingsbury parish, lies two miles or so away from what was its Parish Church. Under these circumstances, a new church, dedicated to the Holy Innocents, was erected three years ago, and the ancient Church of S. Andrew was closed. In the meanwhile, the hamlet of Neasden, the most rural part of the parish of Willesden, and almost two miles from its Church, became suddenly, and in an unexpected manner, a populous village or small town. The Metropolitan Railway Company, being obliged to remove their workshops from the City, bought a large piece of land at Neasden, and erected extensive works and rows of houses for their employés. The London Diocesan Home Mission appointed the Rev. James R. Mills to the charge of this new district, and he speedily built a Mission Church, capable of seating 300 persons, opened Sunday-schools, clubs, and Church schools, under Government inspection (shutting out a projected Board School), and organized all the machinery of a parish composed, with a very few exceptions, of artisans and railway labourers. All the spiritual necessities of Neasden were supplied, but it wanted a consecrated building as Parish Church. By an Order in Council, dated July 21st, 1885, the old Parish Church of Kingsbury has again been made a Parish Church, but under the new name of Neasden-cum-Kingsbury.

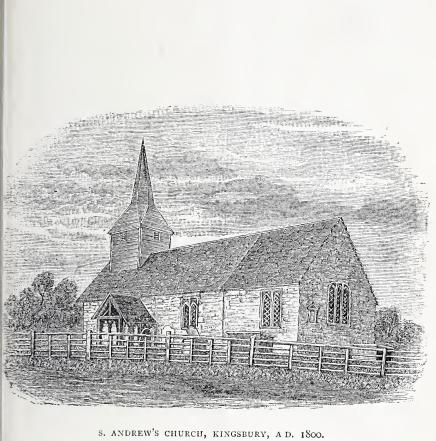
"Chingesberie," as it is written in the Domesday Survey, or "Kyngesbyrig," as it appears in a deed of gift of Edward the Confessor, has no doubt an unwritten history far more remote than that of the invasion of the Norman conquerors. Dr. Stukeley seems very certain that Kingsbury was a Roman station, and that Julius Cæsar formed a camp or prætorium on the spot after crossing the Thames.

Edward the Confessor presented Kingsbury by royal charter to the Abbey of Westminster.

For 300 years there appear to be few records, and little is known of Kingsbury until the reign of Edward II., when, in 1317, the manor became the property of one Baldwin Poleyn.

Thomas Chichele, with others, purchased the manor in 1439, as trustees for All Souls' College, Oxford.

At the Dissolution, Henry VIII. granted the manor and rectory to the Dean and Chapter of S. Paul's.



(From an Engraving in the British Museum.)



S. Andrew's Church, Neasden-cum-Kingsbury. 113

The date of the foundation of the Church is unknown, but it is certainly one of the oldest Churches in England, and the materials of which it is composed are those of a building still older, which must have existed on the same spot. The plan of the Church is a parallelogram, 58 ft. by 18 ft. 3 in. internal measurement, no break or division (internally) separating the nave from the chancel. Externally, however, the division is very plainly marked, when the rough cast has been removed. The chancel is undoubtedly part of the original Saxon Church, containing a great deal of Roman brick and other rare features. The nave, however, was either rebuilt or more probably thoroughly repaired, and the windows as we now see them inserted in the fourteenth century, when a part of the property was made over to the trustees of All Souls' College. When the plastering comes to be stripped, interesting discoveries may be looked for; it has been removed in a few places, and it is only at these exposed portions that the construction can be seen; the walls appear to be built with flints of large size very roughly squared in the face, mixed up and bonded irregularly with red Roman bricks or tiles of the usual thickness or, rather, thinness. The bricks were measured by Mr. Gale in 1750, and found to be 161 inches in length, $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, and $2\frac{1}{3}$ inches in thickness. The Church itself stands within the enclosure of a Roman camp, the traces of which are still perfectly discernible. The porch, which stood on the south side near the west end, was of timber, and is shown in the engraving of the Church first published in 1800. Why this porch was taken down it is hard to say, as it must have formed a suitable and convenient approach to the interior of the Church, which it is now wanting; but the churchwardens of that date so effectually performed what they were pleased to consider the beautifying of the Church, that almost every interesting feature was swept away. An early Third-Pointed rood screen was consigned to destruction; the carved bosses of the roof were destroyed, and the roof plastered over. It was only when these worthy (!) custodians proposed to sell the bells, that at length outside opinion made itself heard, and their hands were stayed. The ancient Saxon font was at this same time thrown into a pond, and replaced by

a modern one of artificial stone or cement. The ancient font is simply a circular bowl, the upper part being octagonal, well worn, and bearing evidence of its antiquity; it is placed in the garden of a person in the neighbourhood, who fished it from the pond after it had lain forgotten a score years or so. There is some hope of it being returned to the Church by-and-by.

Messrs. Newman and Newman are the architects for the restoration; Mr. Ewan Christian acting as consulting architect.

About £1000 are required to complete the work.

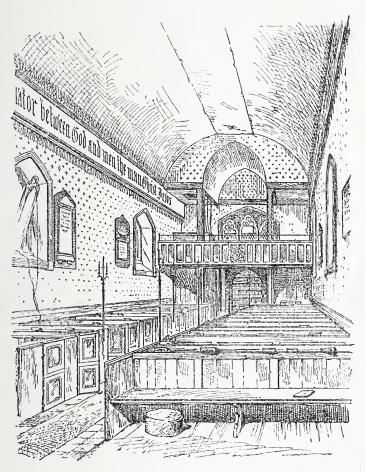
Copy of an Address from the Society to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, adopted by the Committee on June 16th, 1887, and presented by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,—

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the President, Vice-Presidents, and Committee, representing the whole Body of the Members of the Incorporated Society for Promiting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels in England and Wales, of which Society your Majesty is graciously pleased to be Patron, desire humbly to approach the Throne on the occasion of the completion of the Fiftieth year of your Majesty's Reign, to offer our loyal and dutiful congratulations on this auspicious event, and to assure your Majesty of our sincere and continued attachment to the Throne and to your Majesty's Royal Person.

Founded in the year 1818, and incorporated in 1828 by an Act of Parliament passed in the reign of your Majesty's Royal Predecessor, King George the Fourth [9 Geo. IV. cap. 42], the Society has endeavoured faithfully to carry out the objects of its foundation in providing for the Collection and Application of Voluntary Contributions for Enlarging, Building, Rebuilding, and Repairing Churches and Chapels in England and Wales, as shown by the Annual Reports, a copy of which has been



S. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KINGSBURY. NAVE, LOOKING WEST.



presented to and graciously accepted by the Sovereign every year since the incorporation of the Society.

No less than 7617 grants of money have been made in aid of the erection of 2030 additional Churches and Chapels, and of building, enlarging, or otherwise improving the accommodation in 5587 existing Churches and Chapels.

By these means 1,829,865 additional seats have been obtained, of which more than five-sixths are for the free use of the parishioners according to law.

Towards these works £824,836 have been contributed by the Society; and a further estimated expenditure on the part of the public of £12,342,117 has been called forth.

In addition to this, 543 grants, amounting to £14,428, have been made from a Special Fund in aid of the provision of Mission Buildings in densely populated town parishes, or in wide-spread rural districts.

But the operations of the Society are not to be measured by these figures alone. It has stimulated the work of Church Extension to a much greater extent. Local Church Building Societies-sometimes spoken of as daughter Societies-have been formed in nearly every Diocese in England and Wales; and it has been estimated that in the latter half of your Majesty's reign alone, by means of these agencies and through private munificence, more than eighty-one and a half millions of money have been expended on Church Building.

Believing that your Majesty takes a deep interest in this, as in other agencies for the religious and spiritual welfare of your devoted people, the President, Vice-Presidents, and Committee of this Incorporated Society earnestly pray that your Majesty may long be spared by Almighty God to watch with satisfaction their labours in the building up of Houses of God in this land, for His worship, and to the honour and praise of His Holy Name.

The Rt. Hon. Henry Matthews, the Home Secretary, informed His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 14th July, 1887, that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously.

Cheap Churches.

(Communicated.)

AT the May meeting of the Incorporated Church Building Society, the challenge was thrown down to architects who have in any special manner devoted themselves to Church Building, to show how to produce good Churches at small cost, in order to meet the need for many more Churches, and the present difficulty of raising funds for their erection.

Perhaps the most effective way of taking up the glove, is to give a few typical instances, showing what has actually been accomplished in this direction.

On the next page, a plan and exterior view are given of S. Peter, Parr, Lancashire. This Church cost, with all fittings complete,—£2600. It accommodates comfortably, over 600 adults—i.e., about £4. 6s. 8d. per sitting. Usually there is distinct advantage in the adoption of local materials, especially when they present an effective appearance, and require little or no labour, beyond that involved in setting them in the walls; e.g. in the Midland and Eastern Counties one may use flints picked off the fields, and split; near the sea-side, granite, or other boulders, gathered on the shore; in Derbyshire, the beautiful limestone, which may be dug out of the foundations; in the Lake district, other, though less beautiful, limestone.

In Derbyshire and Devonshire, marble, used there to mend the roads, becomes at small cost very effective in decorative construction. In many cases, it is no drawback for the plain wall surfaces to be somewhat rough in texture, as they will be when such materials as these are used. Then, they contrast well with the coigns of the building and of the buttresses, which, in a brick-making neighbourhood, may be brick—red brick by preference—or in other places the thin flat-bedded stone, abounding in several counties, and which, so used, seldom requires any mason's labour upon it. In such cases, a few bands of the same material as the coigns are wanted to give strength and coherence. Where funds permit, refinement and finish are obtained, by making the coigns of windows, doors, and other parts, of dressed ashlar stone; but this is not essential.

S. PETER'S CHURCH, PARR, LANCASHIRE.



Another advantage arising out of the use of local materials is, that thus one gets in each case a distinctive character belonging and appropriate to that locality.

In the case of S. Peter's Church, Parr, the chief material used in the walls is slag-refuse from the copper-smelting furnaces of the neighbourhood. It is in hard, and apparently imperishable, blocks of irregular shape, and looks more like a dark rubble stone than anything else. The coigns of the windows and doors, the weatherings of buttresses, and such parts, are of dressed ashlar stone. The main coigns, and the binding bands are of thin, flat-bedded, pale grey stone, which frames in the rough slag, and contrasts well with it. Inside there is enough dressed stone to avoid meanness, but the walls are plastered. The woodwork generally is exposed to view. The floors of the chancel and of the passages are tiled. The seats are good, strong, low, open benches. The choir stalls are plain, but good of their kind. The altar is well raised. There are credence, sedilia, and a stone pulpit and font. This is not a solitary case. The Church of S. John Baptist, Ravenhead, Lancashire, built of similar materials, is lined inside with brick-red, with a little relief of white brick. It seats 500 adults, and cost, with ordinary foundations, £1800. In this case a defective site caused exceptionally deep foundations, which added somewhat to the £1800. The plan of this Church is a broad nave; chancel with chancel aisle, and north porch. There is a bell-cote, but no steeple. This Church cost £3 12s. per sitting, as against £4 6s. 8d. for S. Peter's, Parr.

- S. John Baptist, in the village of Irlam, Lancashire, has a broad nave, chancel with semicircular apse, shallow transepts north and south of the western bay of the chancel, and a south porch. Over the western bay of the chancel is a low tower, crowned with a slated spire. The external walls are of coursed stone, with ashlar stone coigns and window tracery. The walls inside are lined with brick. There are 300 sittings, and the cost was about £1500.
- S. Michael's, Hulme, Manchester, of which a plan is given, is an example of an inexpensive, yet dignified brick town Church. Land was costly, and sites scarce. No space is wasted.

S. John, Stand Lane, near Bury, Lancashire, is of stones The face walling of thin coursed stone. Ample ashlar stone coigns and dressings to windows, doors, buttresses, and elsewhere. There is a spacious apsidal chancel. Nave and aisles. Western narthex-like porch. Tower and spire over the west bay of chancel. 785 sittings. Cost under £4000.

Christ Church, Blackpool, when first built, seated 1000, and cost about £3400. The face walling is of split granite boulders, with red brick coigns and bands. There is ashlar stone tracery in several windows. A tower, with a low slated spire, a baptistery, and a spacious chancel. Although on a stormtossed coast, when after seven years or so the Church had to be enlarged, it was hard work to break into the brickwork and masonry. All was perfectly good and sound.

S. Andrew, Hadfield, Derbyshire, is of stone. Thin coursed walling, with dressed ashlar in windows, doors, &c. An apsidal chancel, with much woodwork about it inside. Central

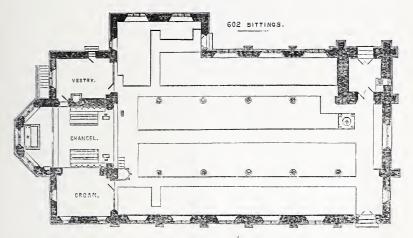
west-end baptistery. Seats 500. Cost £3000.

S. James, Buxton, is built of the local limestone, with bands of thin, coursed, wall stone; ample ashlar coigns; good windows; tiled roof; west narthex, containing baptistery, and two porches; apsidal chancel; tower and spire over the west bay of chancel; nave and aisles, and south transept to chancel; lined with brick inside. A free use of Derbyshire stone, marble, and even the beautiful spars. Seats nearly 800. Cost (without the upper part of tower and the spire) £4000; with tower and spire complete, £5000.

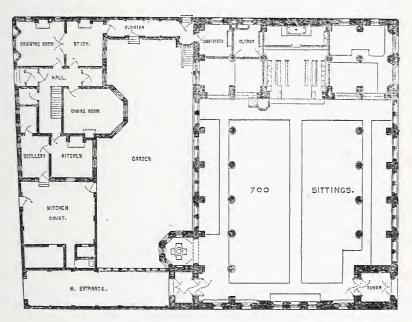
In all these Churches, the Lord's Table is well raised, and great care has been taken with the levels. The chancel fittings are such as prevail in Churches where there is a surpliced choir and a good service. The benches for the congregation are low and open, and are arranged so as to make kneeling easy.

MEDLAND TAYLOR.

Manchester, September, 1887.



S. PETER'S, PARR, LANCASHIRE.



S. MICHAEL'S, HULME, MANCHESTER.



Correspondence.

SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCH EXTENSION.

To the Editor of the Church Builder.

SIR,—I venture to urge for the consideration of your readers that which is too much lost sight of, though a fundamental principle of the Salvation Army, and plainly just as applicable to the Church; I mean the self-supporting plan of Church extension, in preference to the eleemosynary system on which Mission Churches are usually conducted.

At S. Alban's, Strangeways, Manchester, which I originated and promoted for some years, the essence of our plan was, that the services should support themselves, inclusive of the curate's stipend, by means of the offertory collected in bags at every service. This was met by a private subscription list, which, however, fell off in a year or two, leaving the offertory a good and almost sufficient means of support.

If this system succeeded thirty years ago in a plain school-room amongst a poor population, it would, with proper management, succeed in any other district cut off

conventionally or otherwise from any overgrown parish.

Our building cost £250. A quite church-like edifice, which we copied for another Church from one of Pugin's, cost £800, and serves as a school as well. There is obviously no limit to the self-extending character of this system, which yet Churchmen in London and elsewhere cannot be induced to adopt. I should be glad to give any further explanations.

EDWARD HERFORD, Chairman of the Free and Open Church Society.

30, Charing Cross, London; and Manchester.

Reviews, &c.

Athos, or the Mountain of the Monks, by Athelstan Riley, M.A., F.R.G.S. (Longmans), is no ordinary book of travel; or rather, it is much more. The book is full of pleasant incidents, picturesque presentations of picturesque scenes, careful records of minute details of places, persons, customs and habits, such as might be expected in an account of a brief sojourn in a spot, not indeed very far distant, but very rarely visited by travellers. But beyond this, the writer has the knowledge and the genuine sympathy needed to enable him to enter into a close and intelligent examination of the idiosyncrasies of the strange people into whose midst he plunged. Curzon shows in his charming book, "The Monasteries of the Levant," that he visited these scenes with the somewhat cold gaze of an archæologist and collector of manuscripts; but Mr. Riley has endeavoured to search beneath the surface of books and pictures and stones, and to ascertain the true spiritual motives which lie at the core of the life led by the hundreds of monks in the twenty monasteries on the romantic peninsula of Athos.

The following description of the plan of an Eastern Church will probably be

interesting to many of our readers :-

"The Church is divided into three principal portions, the exonarthex, or exterior vestibule, with the esonarthex, or interior vestibule, the nave, and the bema or sanctuary. The exonarthex and esonarthex are frequently merged into one division, called simply the narthex. Generally, in addition to the nartheces there is a pronaos, or porch, sometimes called the proantion. Besides these divisions there is theoretically always a quire, situated in front of the bema in the centre of the Church, but at

Athos there is no proper quire, as stalls are fixed against the whole of the walls of the nave and narthex.

"On each side of the bema is a chapel, that on the north being the chapel of the

prothesis, that on the south the diaconicon or sacristy.

"In the chapel of the prothesis is a small table. This is used for the office of the prothesis, or the preparation for the liturgy, in which the priest and the deacon

prepare the bread and wine in a very complicated and symbolical manner.

"In the diaconicon are chests for vestments, charcoal for incense, censers, &c."

We have not space to quote more largely from this book, which is well worth the careful study of those who would desire to know more of the actual religious life and worship of the hundred millions of Christians belonging to the Holy Orthodox Eastern Church. Athos is "the one spot to which every Orthodox Eastern, from sultry Egypt to the icy shores of the White Sea, turns his eyes, as the nursery of all holiness and the impregnable fortress of the Christian Faith."

Mr. Riley is not a writer of the dull antiquarian school. A charming freshness and verve pervade the whole book. He enters with youthful mirth into all the fun of foreign travel; and yet he is a close observer, so that his narrative bristles with information concerning the Eastern Church which a less attentive traveller might have altogether omitted.

It will be well if the perusal of this delightful book induces some Englishmen to reflect that there may be much for them to learn from that vast body of Christians—not Protestant, not Roman Catholic—which from our insular position we are tempted

altogether to ignore.

Meditations upon the Liturgical Gospels for the Saints' Days, by E. M. Goulburn, D.D., D.C.L., Dean of Norwich (Rivingtons). This book completes a valuable series by the same author, who has now apublished course of devotional reading for the Sundays and Festivals throughout the year. But the volume before us comprises much more than meditations. Every Gospel is carefully analyzed in a critical and exegetical manner; and the results of a wide acquaintance with the literature on the subject, brought down to the most recent date, are laid before the reader in a concise form. One special feature is the different readings of the various translations of the Bible in our language.

The Dean commences with a valuable introduction on the Calendar of the English Church; and he devotes a separate chapter to three of the black-letter days. Perhaps many persons would be glad if he would extend these meditations to all the black-

letter Saints' Days; for, though in many cases there may be but little known of the person commemorated, the author of *Thoughts on Personal Religion* would doubtless write much that would be edifying and instructive to a devout mind. The present work will, we doubt not, prove useful to many.

Foundation Truths, by the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway (Wells Gardner, Darton and Co.), is the title of a small volume of Lenten addresses on Salvation, Regeneration, Conversion, Assurance, the Means of Grace and Perseverance. Though they do not pretend to be treatises on these important subjects, they are brief, eloquent, and popular discourses on doctrines very often greatly misunderstood even by professing Church people. The need for this kind of instruction is well known to every parish priest.

Creed and Character, by the Rev. H. S. Holland, Canon of S. Paul's (Rivingtons). This volume is confessedly composed of separate sermons, preached at various times, and in some cases not always in direct connection with the title given to the book; and consequently there is a lack of cohesion between the various parts of it, which makes it rather difficult to consider the book as a whole. Taken separately the sermons are decidedly powerful.

The essential connection between creed and character is evidently clear enough in the writer's mind, and is in many places forcibly expressed: especially the necessity for definiteness of belief is strongly urged—a most valuable thought in times when indefiniteness in matters of faith is almost regarded as a sign of largeness of mind.

The first two sermons, The Story of an Apostle's Faith; The Story of a Disciple's Faith; draw out in a remarkable manner the growth of faith in the beloved disciple, of which the visible result was such a change of character as could only be explained by this faith. In him his faith was not an opinion, but an unalterable conviction of the Divinity of his Master, proved to him by his recollections of what he had seen and heard; which was also the ground of his teaching the same faith to his disciples. The whole volume is one that will amply repay the thoughtful reader,—not only for what it sets forth, but also for what it suggests.

The Story of Salvation, by Mrs. Jerome Mercier (Rivingtons). In this little volume we have, under the form of conversations, a series of little lectures on the study of Holy Scripture. Girls are taught how they may intelligently, and at the same time with the deepest reverence, search into the mysteries of the inspired Word of God, so that the Bible may become to them, at once a deeply interesting historical study, and also (and this is most strongly urged) an inexhaustible storehouse of Divine revelation. Young people, and those of maturer age who have hitherto neglected the study of the Bible, would do well to adopt the method suggested in this little book; then their Bible will no longer be to them a closed and uncared-for book, but a vast mine of ever-increasing knowledge, an unerring guide in every doubt and difficulty of life, and a loved and reverenced friend. To quote Mrs. Mercier's own words, "Our Bible-study is profane and insolent if it does not place us at our Father's feet, praying to serve Him better."

One of the best papers on the Extension of the Diaconate (Rivingtons) is the reprint of the speech delivered in the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury, on Friday, July 8th, 1887, by the Rev. H. Twells, M.A., Hon. Canon of Peterborough. In a short space he deals in a thoroughly business-like way and in a temperate manner with the salient points of this very important question. We commend it to the careful study of our readers.

Received with thanks:—The Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons). The National Church. This Church and Realm (Rivingtons), a Sermon by Canon Paget, D.D.

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Special Appeals.

HELP is earnestly asked for the expense of Furnishing and Fencing the new MISSION CHURCH at HIGH HEATH, in the parish of Walsall Wood. About £40 is immediately required, and £10 to pay off the expense of enlarging the Parish Church. The Parish is poor and the Endowment very small. Population 4000, scattered over an area of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles by $2\frac{1}{2}$. The Incorporated Church Building Society kindly granted £10 towards the Building. Rev. T. Reakes, Walsall Wood.

MICHAEL'S, HUDSWELL, RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.—
Ancient Church, A.D. 1250; rebuilt and consecrated November, 1885; cost £1666; Debt remaining, £270. Who will help to raise this small amount this Jubilee Year? Parish very poor; seats all free; weekly offertory. Smallest sums thankfully received by the Rev. J. E. Torbett, Hudswell Vicarage, Richmond, Yorkshire.

DROPOSED PERMANENT CHURCH for the District of S. SAVIOUR, HOLLOWAY, N., part of S. Mark's, Tollington Park, London.—This is one of the L.D.H.M. Districts: population over 4000; Iron Church seats 312 adults, filled to overflowing. Accommodation greatly needed. Site secured by grant of £1205 from B.L.F. Designs by Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, approved and ready, for Church to seat 702, and to cost £5750, exclusive of tower and spire, but inclusive of all charges and fittings. Amount already promised or subscribed £2745, including the following sums:—Incorporated Church Building Society, £175; Diocesan Church Building Society, £100; Bishop of London's Fund, £1000; R. C. L. Bevan, Esq. £250; Congregation, £500; and Trustees (J. D. Allcroft, F. A. Bevan, C. H. Bousfield, Esqs., Revs. F. E. Wigram, C.M.S., and Canon Hurst), £700. Large and flourishing Sunday Schools, Band of Hope, Children's Services (in Board School), Clothing Club, Penny Bank, &c., conducted in private houses, there being no Parish Room. Erection of Church will not only supply seats to whole families who have applied in vain, but also leave present Iron Church available for meetings and other parochial purposes. FUNDS GREATLY NEEDED if the Church is to be built, as contemplated, this Jubilee year. Congregation comparatively poor, but contributing generously. Donations earnestly solicited, and may be sent to the Bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., 54, Lombard Street, E.C., or they will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by the Clergyman in charge, the Rev. A. J. Ard, M.A., 75, Hanley Road, Crouch Hill, London, N.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, November the 17th, 1887, at 2 p.m., being the first Meeting of the present Session.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. C. A. JONES.	JAMES HILTON, Esq.
JOHN BOODLE, Esq.	W. E. M. Tomlinson, Esq., M.P.
LieutCol. the Hon. G. H. W.	Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON
WINDSOR-CLIVE.	Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund . Mission Buildings					£67	90 }	(7040
Mission Buildings	Fund				2	50 Š	£ 7040
"R. M. Fund"							77
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9208.—FALMOUTH, ALL SAINTS. Dio. Truro.—The necessity for another Church in the parish of Falmouth has been increasingly felt for some years past. The present population of Falmouth is 12,131, and there is only one Church. The accommodation at the Parish Church is quite inadequate to the needs of the population; most of the seats being appropriated, and the building being greatly in need of repair and rearrangement. The new Church is to be built in a neighbourhood which is being rapidly built over, and has already a large working population. This case is strongly recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. It is designed to accommodate 672; all seats free. Estimated cost, £6000. It

will be a Chapel-of-Ease. Applicant, Rev. B. Christopherson; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£250 voted.

2.—No. 9211.—HORNSEY, S. MARY. Dio. London.—The 3h Church was rebuilt A.D. 1833, assisted by a grant of £700 from this Society; but it is utterly inadequate to the needs of the parish, the population of which is continually increasing. There are at present over 8000 people in the parish. As there are very great difficulties in the way of enlarging the present Church, it is proposed to build a new one (without the tower), and to leave the old one standing, as it is possible that at some future time both may be needed. The new Church will accommodate 1260; all seats free. Estimated cost, £12,500. Applicant, Rev. J. Jeakes; Architect, Mr. James Brooks, London.—£400 voted.

3.—No. 9201.—MORRISTON, S. DAVID's, in the parish of Llangyfelach. Dio. S. David's.—The district for which the new Church is intended has a population of over 10,000; but, including an adjoining district which at present is entirely unprovided with services in connection with the Church of England, there is a population of 18,000. For this population the only building available at present is a Chapel-of-Ease at Morriston, with accommodation for 340; the Parish Church being three miles distant. The bilingual difficulty is a great hindrance to the working of the district. The new Church will hold 600 persons; all seats free. The estimated cost is £3800. Applicant, Rev. D. W. Morgan; Architect, Mr. E. B. Vaughan, Cardiff.—£350 voted.

The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case as one of

the most pressing cases in which Church extension is required.

4.—No. 9189.—Nelson, S. George, in the parish of Llanfabon. Dio. Llandaff.

—This district has a population of nearly 2000 persons, the majority of whom are colliers and miners, and who, though living here, work in the neighbouring parishes, so that but little claim attaches to their employers. At present these people have no Church to worship in, except at a distance of two miles. The parish is a very poor one; the money required for building the Church will have to be raised almost altogether from without. The Church will contain 282 persons; all seats free. Estimated cost, £1575. Applicant, Rev. D. Leigh; Architect, Mr. E. H. L. Barker, Hereford.—£100 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE. 5.—No. 8457.—LLANGADOCK, S. CADOG. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9204.—Combe-in-Teignhead. Dio. Exeter.—Deferred.

7.—No. 9175.—Costessey, near Norwich. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1400, and is very dilapidated. The parish is an exceptionally poor one, and is most unfortunately situated, inasmuch as the great resident landowner is a Roman Catholic, and no help can be expected from this source. Subscriptions are obtained with great difficulty, and every effort is being made to raise the Church to its proper position in the parish, and hold its own against Romanism. Thirty-four seats will be added. The estimated cost is £850. Applicant and Architect, Mr. T. H. B. Heslop, Costessey.—£25 granted.

8.—No. 7469.—LLANELLY, ALL SAINTS. Dio. S. David's.—This Church was built A.D. 1874, assisted by a grant of £380, but, in consequence of not carrying out the entire work, £100 of this amount was cancelled in 1881. The present application is for

a grant towards completing the original design. There is great difficulty in raising funds for Church purposes, owing to the prevalence of Dissent and the poverty of the majority of the habitants of the parish, which now contains 9071 persons. The estimated cost is £2517. Applicant, Rev. Canon Williams; Architect, Mr. A. E. Street, London.—£100 voted.

The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a

9.—No. 9202.—MEVAGISSEY, S. PETER. Dio. Truro.—Declined.

10.—No. 9165.—MYNACHLOGDDU, in the parish of S. Dogmael's, near Clynderwen. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

11.—No. 9209.—STONEY STANTON, S. MICHAEL, near Hinckley. Dio. Peterborough.—The date of the Church is unknown, but it is a very old one, and was repaired fifty years ago. The parish is a very poor one—there is no resident parishioner in a position to give much. The north aisle is very likely to fall before long, unless sufficient funds are raised to do the necessary work. The population is increasing, and extra accommodation is required. Fifty additional sittings will be gained. Estimated cost, £740. Applicant, Rev. E. A. D. Disney; Architect, Mr. Basset Smith, London.—£20 voted.

12.—No. 9207.—UPTON, S. MARGARET, near Acle. Dio. Norwich.—Deferred.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

13.—M.B.F., No. 649.—ABERGWYNFI, in the parish of Llangynwyd, near Bridgend. Dio. Llandaff.—The population of this district is estimated at 1100. Its distance by road (such as it is) from the nearest Church is five miles. The Mission Church will be a substantial stone building, and can be enlarged if necessary. It will be used as a Sunday-school as well as for Divine Services. It will seat 180 persons. Estimated cost, £500. Applicant, Rev. S. Jones.—£25 voted.

14.—M.B.F., No. 652.—GREENWICH, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Rochester.—The site is in a very poor district in a valley; the two nearest Churches are situated each on the top of hills on either side of the valley; and the people below cannot be induced to come up to them. At some future date this Mission Church, which will accommodate 450 persons and will cost £5800, will become a district Church. At present a portion only of the Church is to be built at a cost of £1750, to accommodate 250 persons. Applicant, Rev. S. F. Hooper.—£50 voted.

15.—M.B.F., No. 647.—HIGHERTOWN, in the parish of Kenwyn. Dio. Truro.—The district in which it is intended to erect this Mission Building contains a population of 450 inhabitants, the nearest Church being nearly two miles distant. The Mission Building will be used for Sunday-schools and lectures, in addition to those for Divine Services. The accommodation will be sufficient for 120 persons. Estimated cost, £470. This case is recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. Applicant, Rev. Canon Cornish.—£25 voted.

16.—M.B.F., No. 646.—HILL, in the parish of Duloe. Dio. Truro.—This district contains a population of 400, and is distant from the Parish Church three miles, the nearest Church two miles. There will be two Sunday, and occasional weekday, services. The building will also be used as a school. Grants are expected from the National Society and S.P.C.K. It will hold 60 persons, and the cost is estimated at £230. This case is recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. Applicant, Rev. Canon Bush.—£20 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 650.—HUXLEY, S. ANDREW, in the parish of Hargrave, near Chester. Dio. Chester.—The district in which this Mission Building is to be built

contains a population of 235, and is two miles distant from the Parish Church. For some years services and Sunday-schools have been held in a schoolroom, which has lately been condemned by the Archdeacon as unfit and unsuitable for Divine Service and the administration of the Sacraments, so that it has become a necessity to provide fresh Church accommodation. The accommodation will be for 100. Estimated cost, £360. Applicant, Rev. T. J. Evans.—£20 voted.

18.—M.B.F., No. 629.—LLANELLY, S. JOHN, in the parish of S. Paul. Dio. S. David's.—In this district there are 2000 inhabitants who live at some distance from a Church. The building will be used for religious purposes, and possibly for a day-school. It is to hold 300, and the estimated cost is £1000. Applicant, Rev.

D. D. Jones.—£35 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 645.—LUTON, S. ANDREW, in the parish of Christ Church. Dio. Ely.—The inhabitants of the district in which this Mission Church is to be erected number 4000, and reside at some distance from their Church. The building will be used as a Sunday-school when a larger and permanent Church is completed. It will hold 220, and the estimated cost is £275. Applicant, Rev. E. G. Punchard, D.D.—£10 voted.

20.—M.B.F., No. 651.—UPEXE, in the parish of Rewe. Dio. Exeter.—The present scheme is to restore and re-roof an ancient chapel for the use of the inhabitants of this district, of whom there are 300 residing three miles from the Parish Church. There will be one service on a Sunday and one on a weekday. The building will also be used as an infant-school. It is at present in ruins. It will hold 60 people, and the estimated cost is £200. Applicant, Rev. P. Williams.—£20 voted.

21.—M.B.F., No. 646.—WAUNARLWYDD, in the parish of Swansea, S. Peter. Dio. S. David's.—There is a population of 2000 in the district, and the nearest Church is three miles distant. Divine Service will be held in English in the morning, and Welsh in the evening. The building will also be used as a Sunday-school. It will hold 250 people, and the estimated cost is £700. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant, as it is important for the Church to preoccupy the ground in this district. Applicant, Rev. D. Roderick.—£35 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:—

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No. of C	rants	S.			Diocese.			Amount.
I					London			400
I					Chester			20
I					Ely .			10
I					Exeter			20
2					Llandaff			125
I					Norwich			25
I					Peterboroug	h		20
1				•	Rochester		•	50
4					S. David's		•	520
3					Truro .			295
16	,					T	otal 🛭	£148 5

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

7 9	•	General Fund Mission Buildings Fund		
16		T	otal	£ 1485

A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, December the 15th, 1887, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.	JOHN BOODLE, Esq.
Rev. Canon J. Erskine Clarke.	J. F. France, Esq.
Rev. C. A. Jones.	J. HILTON, Esq.
Rev. C. WYATT SMITH.	ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
Rev. Canon STAPYLTON.	F. H. ROOKE, Esq.
Rev. R. MILBIRN BI	AKISTON Secretary

The available balances in hand were:

General Fund	•		•			£5	774)	62800
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"R. M. Fund"								
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

1.—No. 9123.—DINAS, in the parish of Llantrisant. Dio. Llandaff.—This parish is a very large one, covering 16,000 acres, and intersected by ranges of high hills; the population is very scattered, and is made up of a number of large and small centres varying from 100 to 4000. The services in the new Church will be entirely Welsh, and it will be near the boundary of a very populous district in another parish in which there are no Welsh services. The new Church, which will be a Chapel of Ease, is designed to accommodate 300 persons. All seats free. The estimated cost is £1053. Applicant, Rev. J. P. Hughes; Architects, Messrs. Halliday and Anderson, Cardiff.—£120 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

2.—No. 8457.—LLANGADOCK, S. CADOG. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9202.—ARDELEY, S. LAWRENCE, near Stevenage. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church was built A.D. 1450, repaired in 1871 at a cost of £1071, and the building is at present fairly good, but the seating is in a very unsatisfactory state. The reseating is to be proceeded with gradually as funds come in. It is now contemplated doing the west end. The total cost is estimated at £325. 58 seats will be added. Applicant, Rev. N. E. Ruddock; Architects, Messrs. Micklethwaite and Somers Clarke, London.—£25 voted.

4.—No. 9214.—HOLDGATE, HOLY TRINITY, near Much Wenlock. Dio. Hereford.—The registered date of the erection of this Church is A.D. 1661, but portions are certainly early Norman. The building is now very dilapidated, the tower is unsafe. This parish is a very small one, and no resident gentry to assist. There are a few tenant farmers, but owing to the depressed state of everything connected with agriculture they can do but very little. The estimated cost is £855. Applicant, Rev. R. E. Haymes; Architect, Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn, London.—£20 voted.

5.—No. 9153.—LAMMAS, S. ANDREW, near Norwich. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1450. It is now in a very dilapidated condition, especially the roofs, which are dangerous. The population has decreased by 30 since 1881. The estimated expenditure is £939. Applicant, Rev. L. W. H. Andrews; Architect,

Mr. H. J. Green, Norwich.—£25 voted.

6.—No. 9165.—MYNACHLOGDDU, in the parish of S. Dogmael's, near Clynderwen. Dio. S. David's.—This Church was built A.D. 1350, with subsequent additions, and was partially repaired in 1877 at a cost of £150; the building is now very dilapidated. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommends this case for a grant with some slight alteration in the plans. Estimated cost, £600. Applicant, Rev. D. Griffith; Architect, Mr. C. R. B. King, London.—£30 voted.

7.—No. 9205.—NORTON-LE-CLAY, S. JOHN, near Boroughbridge. Dio. Ripon.—This Church was built A.D. 1840. The fabric itself is in good repair, but the windows are not, for in wet weather the rain pours in. The floor is in bad repair and will require to be replaced: the seats are high and inconvenient, and render it impossible for the worshippers to kneel. Estimated outlay, £431. Applicant, Rev. J. M. Pollock; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£10 voted.

8.—No. 7336.—South Leigh, S. James, near Witney. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built A.D. 1200, repaired and reseated in 1872, assisted by a grant of £30 from this Society; the present building is in excellent condition with the exception of the roof, which is dangerous. This fresh application is made to the Society on the ground that the work now to be taken in hand is additional to that previously assisted, and is so considered by the Diocesan Society, who have increased their grant from £40 to £100. Estimated cost, £761. Applicant, Rev. A. East; Architect, Mr. H. W. Moore, Oxford.—£10 voted.

9.—No. 9207.—UPTON, S. MARGARET, near Acle. Dio. Norwich.—Deferred.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

10.—M.B.F., No. 654.—Dennis Park, in the parish of Amblecote, near Stourbridge. Dio. Worcester.—This district is inhabited by about 1200 poor people. A Mission Curate is working among them; the nearest Church is distant one mile and a half. An eligible site for the proposed mission building has been secured and paid for, and conveyed to the Vicar of the parish and the Churchwardens. The present depression of trade makes it impossible for the parishioners to do more than they have

already done. The building will hold 150 persons; and the cost is estimated at

£250. Applicant, Rev. J. S. Boldero. -£10 voted.

11.—M.B.F., No. 655.—FISHER HILL, in the parish of Walker-on-Tyne. Dio. Newcastle.—The district in which this Mission Church is to be erected contains a population of 2500 inhabitants. There is an urgent necessity for obtaining a mission building and a resident Curate to make the work successful; an eligible site has been given for the Mission Church. Estimated outlay, £550. Applicant, Rev. J. S. Beckwith.—£20 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 648.—New Hartley, S. Michael, in the parish of Earsdon. Dio. Newcastle.—Earsdon is one of the most unwieldy and unmanageable mining parishes in the kingdom; it extends five and half miles from east to west and five from north to south; the population is 9000. There are sixteen villages and hamlets scattered over this large area. There is urgent need of five mission chapels in order to afford the means of grace to this great population, chiefly miners, many of whom are miles from the church, and very few within easy reach of it. Funds have been obtained for the erection of four chapels. Estimated cost, £210. Applicant, Rev. E. Greenhow.—£10 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 653.—CHRIST CHURCH, OLD FORD. Dio. London.— Deferred. 14.—M.B.F., No. 656.—RICHBOROUGH, in the parish of Ash, near Sandwich. Dio. Canterbury.—The site of the proposed building is nearly three miles from the Parish Church. Excepting the families of two farmers there are no communicants; and there are but few baptisms in that part of the parish. Ash is with one exception the largest country parish in East Kent; it is cut up into small properties. The proprietors, with one exception, are non-resident, and do not feel that the parish has any claim on them. Estimated cost, £130. Applicant, Rev. E. S. Woods.—£10 yoted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

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No. of Gra	nts.		Diocese.			Amount.
I	•		Canterbury		•	10
I			Hereford			20
I			Llandaff			120
2			Newcastle			30
I			Norwich			25
I			Oxford .			IO
I			Ripon .			IO
1		•	S. Alban's			25
I			S. David's			30
I	•		Worcester			IO
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II				T	otal	£290

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

7		•	General Fund	. £240
4	•		Mission Buildings Fund	. 50
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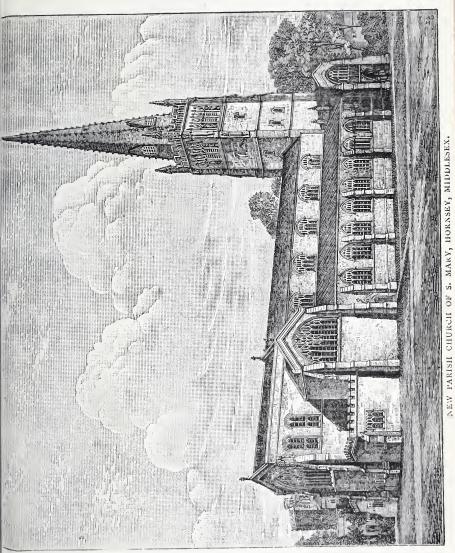
During the present year grants amounting to £7055 have been made towards building 32 New Churches (30 of which are entirely free and unappropriated), rebuilding 7, and the restoration and improvement of 49 existing Churches. The carrying out of these works has called forth from the public the sum of at least £190,688. The sum of £950 has been voted towards 36 Mission Buildings.

Aew Parish Church for Hornsey, Middleser.

Almost every one who has travelled on the Great Northern Railway has seen "old Hornsey Church," with its "ivy-covered tower." It is not really old, but was built on the site of a previous Church, by the late Rector, Canon Harvey, in 1833. The tower, which is now covered with ivy, was partly rebuilt at the same time. In those days Hornsey was a small village, and one of the prettiest villages near London. The Church was built for a village Church, and (after the fashion of those days) with high pews for the well-to-do and miserable benches at the back of the gallery for the working classes. Its style is debased Gothic, and its materials brick and stucco.

The parish of Hornsey now contains, besides the "old" Church, six daughter Churches, each of them better adapted for worship than the mother Church, besides one which is building and another which is about to be built. The mother Church district itself now contains probably more than 8000 inhabitants. Such has been its rapid increase, that during the last seven years it has been found necessary to build a Mission House for 250 people, an iron Church for 450, an Infants' School for 250 children, and to enlarge both the Boys' and the Girls' National Schools—the latter; twice. But the "old" Church remains as it was, with its pews appropriated to fewer than one hundred families, and with twenty-four chairs, the only decent seats for the working classes.

And this state of things is every year getting worse. The few remaining green fields in "the village" will soon be covered with houses. Two large estates, hitherto the beauty of the place,





are doomed; one of them is being rapidly built upon, and the other is already advertised for building. And as the population increases, the neighbourhood becomes poorer; the rich move away, and the poorer classes multiply. A large proportion of the land has become the property of building companies, and these, as landlords, will give nothing for the spiritual needs of the place.

A large Committee was formed to consider what was best to be done under the circumstances. In view of the great difficulties attendant on either enlarging or rebuilding the present Church, surrounded as it is with crowded graves, they came to the conclusion that the best plan would be to build a new Church on a piece of ground adjoining the Churchyard, which had been offered for that purpose by the Rector. This decision was unanimously endorsed at a crowded and enthusiastic public meeting, held in the Drill Hall, Crouch End, on January 20, 1887, presided over by Sir J. McGarel Hogg, Bart., the late member for the Hornsey division of Middlesex (now Lord Magheramorne), at which the Bishop of London was present and advocated the cause.

Mr. James Brooks has been chosen architect, and he has submitted designs to the Committee for a noble Church, to hold 1260 persons (all on the ground floor). The Committee have received the promise of two large donations, amounting to £4000, on the express conditions (among others) that the Church should be a handsome one, worthy to be the chief Church in such an important parish, and that the whole sum required (including the £4000) should be raised for the purpose within three years.

To secure this valuable help, the Committee are making great efforts. They can only hope that friends of the Church in other quarters will come to their assistance liberally, as it is quite impossible to raise the sum required in Hornsey itself.

This Church is eminently English in character, and possesses great breadth and repose, with much richness of detail. The west end has two large porches, about 25 feet long by about 13 feet wide, communicating with the aisles and nave, the western tower connecting the two, and forming one great entrance to

the Church; the ceilings are groined in stone, staircases connecting the lower stages with rooms over, to be used as a library, and one for parochial purposes. The breadth and dignity of this arrangement of porches, connected and united by the massive tower, will be very remarkable and thoroughly original. The plan of the Church is most simple; the nave and the chancel are the same width, the walls the same height, the roofs the same level from east to west. Immediately opposite the choir are two transepts, the one to contain the organ on a platform, with space under for a portion of the congregation, the other is so arranged that it can be used for a morning chapel. The transepts do not project beyond the walls of the aisles. Eastward of the transepts are vestries for the clergy and choir, which are connected by a ground passage. The walls are to be built in stone, and faced, both externally and internally, with stone from the Ancaster quarries. The roofs are open timber roofs, and that over the nave to one design, that over the chancel to another design, the transepts to another design, and the aisles' roofs to another.

Towards the building of the Church, exclusive of tower and spire, the Society has voted a grant of £400, as will be seen on reference to page 2.

S. Sabiour's Church, Hanley Road, Holloway.

THIS district, for which a permanent Church is pressingly required, is part of the populous parish of S. Mark, Tollington Park, and was known a few years ago as the "Hanley Fields," but is now a network of streets and houses, with a population of over 4000 souls.

To meet the spiritual needs of this new population, an iron Church was erected, and a conventional district was formed and placed in connection with the London Diocesan Home Mission in 1882, and the Rev. A. J. Ard, M.A., was placed in charge. An excellent site for the permanent Church, in Hanley Road, was also secured with a grant of £1205 from the Bishop of London's



J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, Architects.

S. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, HANLEY ROAD, HOLLOWAY.



Fund, and to this site was transferred the iron Church, which was re-erected in enlarged dimensions, and in such a position as to remain intact for parochial purposes after the permanent Church is consecrated. This temporary Church, with seats for 312 adults, in addition to the chairs which now block its narrow aisles, is crowded to the doors on Sunday, morning and evening, and there is no accommodation for many families who have applied for seats. The communicants average about 200 per month.

The new Church, designed by Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, will be a handsome, substantial, and commodious building, as will be seen from the photo-lithograph, and will cost about £5750, inclusive of all fittings and charges, but exclusive of the tower and spire, which can be dispensed with for the present. It will seat 702 adults, and half the Church, as divided by the middle passage, will be free.

Already, the usual agencies of an organized parish are in full operation, though under very adverse circumstances. Children's services, Sunday-schools, and Band of Hope are held in a Board School, with large average attendances; and a Clothing Club and Penny Bank are conducted in hired rooms in private houses, and parochial meetings in the Mission Hall of a neighbouring parish, through lack of a hall for this district. It would be difficult to say which was more sorely needed, a good Parish Room or a permanent Church. The erection of the latter will, however, supply both requirements, as it will leave the present iron structure convertible into a temporary Parochial Hall, which will ultimately be replaced by a permanent one.

The nave and walls, with temporary east wall, will be opened in February, and, as soon as this portion of the building is paid for, the chancel, &c., will be commenced.

The population is of the clerk, artisan, and labouring classes, from whom about £1000 has been already received; this is the best proof of their warm interest and self-denying zeal. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have, on the recommendation of the Bishop of London, made a grant of £500 in aid of the building. The Incorporated Church Building Society has made a grant of £175 to this Church.

Reviews, Antices, &c.

Kiungani: Story and History from Central Africa, by A. C. Madan (G. Bell and Sons), has been compiled with the view of introducing English readers to something of the inner life of the African native. It is well known that Kiungani, in the suburbs of Zanzibar, is the place where the Universities' Mission to Central Africa houses and teaches the young slave-boys who have been rescued from the Arab slave-dealers. Mr. Madan has translated, as literally as possible, a number of short auto-biographies written by some of these boys, at his request, in their own language, i.e. Swahili, or some other dialect of the great group or family of languages called Bantu.

Many of these histories are very sad; but it is most touching to observe how, in the untutored savage, the one prevailing tender thought is the recollection of the lost

"mother" of childhood's days.

In the stories we meet with some old friends, made familiar to us through the negro slave in America; though, as might be expected, the "setting" is somewhat different.

Ethne (Wells Gardner, Darton, and Co.), edited by Mrs. E. M. Field, is, as the title-page tells us, "a truthful Historie of the great and final Settlement of Ireland by Oliver Cromwell, and certain other noteworthy Events, from the Records of Ethne O'Connor and of Roger Standfast, Captain in the Army of the Commons of England." The professed Records or Diaries of these two persons have probably some foundation in facts to be found in sundry mildewed papers lying in dust-covered boxes in some lumber-rooms and lofts of old Irish country-houses. Anyhow, we have here a historical romance in which is pictured many a scene that doubtless bears a very real likeness to what actually happened in those troublous times in poor, patriotic, down-trodden Ireland. The story is interestingly told, and some of the characters are charmingly presented. There is, however, a deeper interest in the book than the mere tale. It shows in vivid contrast the best and the worst of both of the religious parties that were then in such deadly encounter. For this reason the little book is not an unworthy contribution to the history of religion in the seventeenth century.

Progress of the Church in London during the last Fifty Years. Rev. W. Walsh. (Rivingtons.) This is an interesting record of what has been done in the period indicated to make up for the arrears of the past, and to keep pace with the growing needs of the ever-growing population of London. Necessarily, much room is taken up with statistics, and figures, though very necessary to prove results, are not always very lively reading, though some details are most interesting; probably the consecration of nearly two hundred churches by Bishop Blomfield is an episcopal "record" that is almost unique. The growth of such agencies as the Incorporated Church Building Society, the Additional Curates Society, the Bishop of London's Fund, the Surrey Church Association, &c., are noted and explained, together with a number of smaller, though, in their way, no less useful agencies.

That wisdom comes by experience is manifest in the different line taken now to that adopted at the beginning of this period: then large sums were expended on Church building, with the idea that the building should come first, and the worshippers would be sure to flock in; now the living agency comes first, and the building afterwards. This little work may be found useful in preparing a Church Defence Lecture.

Messrs. Rivingtons have issued a small handbook on *The Church and the Land*, being a series of articles on the two important questions of Tithes and Glebe Lands which appeared originally in the *Morning Post*, revised for this purpose by the write

of them, Mr. Herbert P. Thomas. This gentleman had special facilities afforded him for becoming acquainted with the actual facts of the prevalent clerical distress arising from the depression in the receipts from the two sources indicated. It is very sad reading—but, we fear, only too true. It would be well if this little work could be widely read and studied. The clergy, as a rule, are willing to suffer in silence, and though many people are ready to admit the existence of clerical distress, few are really aware of its intensity. It is surely a startling fact to read that numbers of country Rectors and Vicars in the Midland Counties are not only receiving no income at all from their "livings" (?), but are largely out of pocket annually for the privilege of doing their quiet, unobtrusive Christian work as Incumbents of their parishes.

We are glad to welcome the fourth edition of John Wesley and Modern Methodism, by Canon Hockin (Rivingtons). It has been very considerably enlarged (pp. 210) from the third edition (pp. 86), and the new matter is of great interest. This is chiefly to be found in the appendix, wherein the former notes are themselves enlarged, and are further augmented by a long article on Cornwall and Methodism, and shorter ones on "The title of 'Reverend,'" "Wesley's abridged Prayer-Book," "Dr. Coke and his Mission," and a reprint from a facsimile reproduction by the Historical Club of the American Church of John Wesley's twelve "Reasons against a separation from the Church of England." We hope Mr. Hockin's book may have a wide circulation in parishes where Modern Wesleyanism prevails, in order that people may see how the present attitude of Wesleyans to the Church differs from that of the founder of that sect.

In the recent decease of the Rev. James Wayland Joyce the Church has lost one of her foremost authorities on questions connected with her various Conciliar Assemblies, both in ancient and modern times. One of his last acts was to publish a very valuable Handbook of the Convocations or Provincial Synods of the Church of England (Rivingtons). We would strongly recommend Church Laymen, and Clergymen too, to procure and study it; and, save in the comparatively few cases in which a previous course of study has given familiarity with the subject, we think that the readers will meet with much that is new to them, and perhaps be not a little surprised with certain facts brought forward. Mr. Joyce very appropriately begins with a brief discussion on Acts xv. 23, and the conclusions he arrives at are not easily to be controverted.

It is interesting to read of the diverse customs that obtain in different dioceses for the election of proctors.

Few persons are aware that members of both Convocations, with their servants and families, enjoy one particular privilege in common with members of the secular Parliament. That privilege is freedom from liability to arrest on civil process.

What he urges as to the occasional joint sessions of the Convocations of the two Provinces is valuable, though the difficulties connected with the respective positions of the Archbishops of York and Canterbury at such gatherings are not easily to be got over. It is hardly likely, though, that in the present day the Primate of England would imitate one of his predecessors, named Roger, in asserting his claim to an equality with the Primate of All England by seating himself on the lap of the Archbishop of Canterbury!

The latter part of the book is usefully devoted to the insertion of copies of the many legal and official documents issued in connection with the meetings of the Convocations.

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President:

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The purpose of this Association shall be to further the cause of Christianity in Egypt by assisting, in the first instance, the Coptic Church in the attainment of a higher spiritual life, especially through a better system of education for its members, more particularly those designed for Holy Orders.

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d. Saviour's, Holloway, London, A.

THE need of a Church for this new and thickly peopled district has been well described by the Bishop of London as "great and urgent." The only building available for parochial work is the Iron Church, which is filled to overflowing every Sunday; while large Sunday Schools, Clothing Club, Penny Bank, and other agencies are carried on in the Board School and in private houses hired for the purpose. The opening of the permanent Church will set the Iron Building free for all parish meetings, &c.

The following particulars will not be uninteresting:—

Tender for Chancel, Nave, and Aisles complete, to seat 702 . £5500

Cost of Nave and Aisles only (including all fittings and charges),

being the portion now in course of erection, to seat 560 \pounds 4250 The amount promised or paid up to the present is over £3000, of which £900 has been paid in by residents in the district.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently, on the recommendation of the Bishop, made a Grant of $\pounds 500$ on condition of an equal benefaction being raised within a limited time, and as there are no rich people in the locality, and the residents have already seriously taxed themselves, I feel compelled, on their behalf, to appeal to the hearts and sympathies of God's people for such help as will enable us to secure the Commissioners' Grant within the stipulated period. Of the needed $\pounds 500$, my congregation have already subscribed $\pounds 100$, and now they look for assistance from their wealthier brethren,—not vainly I trust.

Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by

ALBERT I. ARD,

Vicar-designate.

75, HANLEY ROAD, CROUCH HILL, LONDON, N.

N.B.—All Cheques should be made payable to "S. Saviour's (Holloway) Church Puilding Fund," and crossed "Messrs, Barclay and Co."



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, January the 19th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present-The Ven. the Archdeacon of Essex in the Chair.

Rev. C. A. Jones.

Rev. C. F. Norman.

Rev. C. Wyatt Smith.

J. Hilton, Esq.

Athelstan Riley, Esq.

John Boodle, Esq.

Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:

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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9059.—CARDIFF, S. DYFRIG, in the parish of S. Mary. Dio. Llandaff.—There are 20,000 persons in S. Mary's parish, and the new district already contains 6000. The inhabitants of the district in which this Church is to be erected are all of the working class—railway-men, clerks, artisans, and labourers.—The new Church will contain 936 persons; all seats free. Estimated cost, £6660. Applicant, Rev. G. A. Jones; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£450 voted.

2.—No. 9220.—EARLSFIELD S. ANDREW'S, in the parish of Wandsworth. Dio. Rochester.—This new district is taken out of the parishes of S. Mary and S. Ann's, Wandsworth. The bulk of the population is in S. Ann's, and the site for the new Church is just within the border of S. Mary's; 2½ acres of ground have been given by Magdalen College, Oxford; half an acre will be utilized for building the Church on, and it is intended to let the remainder for building leases; the value of the ground is

£1200 per acre. The inhabitants of the district are almost entirely poor, many of the very poorest. The Church will hold 800 people; Estimated cost, £6975. Applicant, Rev. F. S. Colman; Architect, Mr. E. W. Mountford, London.—£350 voted.

No. 3.—9128.—NOTTINGHAM, S. GEORGE, in S. Saviour's Parish. Dio. Southwell.—The growth of population in S. Saviour's parish has been exceedingly rapid. In 1871 it amounted to 6100, in 1881 it had risen to 15,000, since that date it has continued to go forward, many new streets having been built each year, so that according to careful calculation it is not less than 22,000 at the present time. The people are almost exclusively working class. A curate has been working in the district for four years, and has gathered a congregation which quite fills the mission church. The new Church will hold 560 persons; 187 seats to be "pew-rented." Estimated cost, £5603. Applicant, Rev. J. Stonehouse; Architect, Mr. R. C. Sutton, Nottingham.—£120 voted.

4.—No. 9219.—OAKENSHAW, S. ANDREW, near Bradford. Dio. Ripon.—This district is taken out of five surrounding parishes. For a period of fourteen years divine service has been held in a mission chapel which is capable of accommodating 200 persons. It is more than a mile distant from the nearest consecrated Church. During the week it is used as a school, and on Sundays as a Sunday-school, which causes much discomfort to the members of the congregation, so that a Mission Church is much needed. The Nonconformists in the district are very numerous. 443 seats will be provided; all free. Estimated cost, £4658. Applicant, Rev. W. Priestley; Architects, Messrs. Milner and France, Bradford.—£80 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

5.-No. 8457.-LLANGADOCK, S. CADOG. Dio. S. David's.-Deferred.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9216.—BEAUMONT, S. MARY. Dio. Carlisle—This Church is early Norman. It was partially repaired in 1872, the building is now dilapidated, the seats are extremely bad, there is neither vestry, porch, nor heating apparatus. The applicant is rector of two united parishes, but there is only one Church, the other, Kirkandrew-on-Eden, having been destroyed many years. Estimated cost, £640. Applicant. Rev. T. O. Sturkey; Architect, Mr. D. Walker, Liverpool.—£25 voted.

7.—No. 9222.—Bow, S. MARY. Dio. London.—This Church was built A.D. 1480. The sum of £460 has been expended on it within the last eighteen months; this has been raised for the most part locally, and makes it all the more difficult to raise funds in the parish for the re-seating. Half the seats are let by local Act of Parliament. Estimated cost, £230. Applicant, Rev. W. P. Insley; Architect, Mr. A. W. Blomfield, London.—£20 voted.

8.—No. 9218.—CHELMARSH, S. PETER, near Bridgnorth. Dio. Hereford.—The date of the erection of this Church is unknown. It was last repaired in 1842, assisted by a grant of £30 from this Society. The building is now dilapidated, especially the roof and flooring. The first contract will be for £558. Estimated cost of the whole work, £1300. Applicant, Rev. R. T. Seddon; Architect, Mr. J. Farmer, Newport, Salop.—£15 voted.

9.—No. 9221.—LLANHILLETH, near Crumlin. Dio. Llandaff.—It is unknown when this Church was built; there has never been any thorough repair within any one's memory, but only ordinary repairs from time to time; the building is now very dilapidated. Since the last census a great many houses have been built in the parish

owing to the opening of new pits, and there has been a rapid influx of population, so that they now number at least 2000. There is only one consecrated Church in the parish, but there are two large licensed rooms where divine services are regularly held. Estimated cost, £540. Applicant, Rev. J. Hughes; Architects, Messrs. Middleton, Prothero, and Phillott, Cheltenham.—£15 voted.

10.—No. 8687.—PENRHIWCEIBR, S. WINEFRED'S, in the parish of S. Margaret'S, Aberdare. Dio. Llandaff.—The population of this parish is growing at a very rapid rate, and is a bilingual one, which makes the task of providing accommodation more difficult. The task of providing accommodation has caused an exceptionally severe strain upon the energies of the applicant. In 1882 this Church was built at the cost of £1900, assisted by a grant of £100 from this Society, in 1884 the Parish Church was enlarged at a cost of £1000. In 1887, S. David'S (a Welsh Church) was opened at a cost of £1600, and in the same year S. Dyfrig'S was opened, costing £500. The estimated cost of enlarging, whereby 140 additional seats will be provided, is £680. Applicant, Rev. B. Lloyd; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£15 voted.

11.—No. 9210.—ROCKBEARE, S. MARY. Dio. Exeter.—The nave and chancel are much dilapidated and must be rebuilt. The diminution in the number of sittings provided by the proposed arrangement as compared with the present is accounted for by the removal of the gallery which is estimated to hold fifty persons, but it is only used by children; £750 of the money raised is promised on condition that the like sum is obtained from other sources; £512 has been after great exertion raised in the parish. Estimated cost, £1560. Applicant, Rev. H. Podmore; Architects, Messrs. Hayward and Son, Exeter.—£90 voted.

12.—No. 9207.—UPTON, S. MARGARET, near Acle. Dio. Norwich.—Deferred.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

13.-M.B.F., No. 658.-EDMONTON. Dio. London.-Deferred,

14.—M.B.F., No. 653.—OLD FORD, CHRIST CHURCH, in the parish of S. Mark's, Victoria Park.—It is proposed to purchase some freehold land having a house upon it, at a cost of £2700, and to adapt it for parochial and other mission work; also to fit an upper room for divine services. The cost of making this room available and fitting it up as a Mission Church, to hold 220 persons, will be £200. Applicant, Rev. H. A. S. Pitt.—£50 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

I Carlisle Exeter	nount
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ı Ripon	80
I Rochester	350
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Total £1255

These grants were voted	from	the several	Funds	as follows:—
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A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, February the 16th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Canon Cazenove. Lt.-Col. the Hon. G. H. Windsor Clive. Rev. C. A. Jones. J. F. France, Esq.

Rev. C. WYATT SMITH. J. HILTON, Esq.
ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.

The available balances in hand were: -

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Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9134.—HAMMERSMITH, HOLY INNOCENTS, in the parish of S. John's. Dio. London.—The population of S. John's, Hammersmith, was 7000 in 1871, and 14,000 in 1881. There has been much building since, and it is estimated that the present population is over 20,000, and of these at least 5000 live in the district of the Holy Innocents. The people are absolutely poor, and it is quite impossible for them to raise more than a very small sum. Not more than fifty houses in the district are occupied by one family only, in most cases there are three and sometimes four families in one house. The Church will hold 915; all seats free. Estimated cost, £9000. Applicant, Rev. H. C. Eden; Architect, Mr. James Brooks, London.—£400 voted.

2.—No. 9206.—HATCHAM, S. MICHAEL, in the parish of S. James. Dio.

Rochester.—Deferred.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 8685.—Canterbury, S. Alphage. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church is perhaps the most ancient within the walls of Canterbury. The tower is of great antiquity, but, owing to the sinking of the south-west angle, the south and west sides have separated. So long ago as 1662 the upper part was taken down to relieve the lower part from its pressure; it is now considered to be in a dangerous state. In 1884 efforts were made to collect subscriptions for restoring the Church, when a grant of £10 was voted by this Society, but the work not being carried out, the grant was cancelled in November, 1887. Fresh efforts are now being made, and a grant asked. In 1884 £500 was to have been spent. It is now proposed to make a more thorough reparation at an estimated cost of £2000. Applicant, Rev. T. G. Crosse; Architects, Messrs. Carpenter and Ingelow, and Mr. Joseph Clarke, London.—£50 voted.

4.—No. 9157.—TAXAL, S. JAMES, near Stockport. Dio. Chester.—This Church was built A.D. 1250. Rebuilt in 1824, assisted by a grant from this Society. The Church is very damp, the wood-work rotten, the pews too narrow and unfit for use, ill-ventilated, unsafe, and unworthy God's House. Taxal parish is ten miles long, on the east side of Cheshire. The owners of property do nothing; the inhabitants are small farmers and colliers. William Downes was Rector in 1287, and there is an unbroken line of rectors for six centuries. Estimated cost, £750. Applicant, Rev. S. Evans; Architects, Messrs. Darbyshire and Smith, Manchester.—£25 voted.

5.—No. 7668.—Woolwich, S. Michael. Dio. Rochester.—In April, 1874, the sum of £300 was voted towards building this Church. The chancel, vestry, and organ-chamber only were erected; the existing iron Church formed the nave, arrangements having been made for building over it; and for this portion of the work the Society paid £150 in 1879. Nothing having since been done, the balance of £150 was cancelled in December, 1885. The present application is for aid towards the completion of the Church with plans drawn by another architect. The original Church was to have held \$50 persons, and to cost £9450. The temporary iron nave is very dilapidated. Estimated cost, £8205. Applicant, Rev. H. R. Baker; Architect, Mr. W. Butterfield, London.—£250 voted.

III. MISSION BUILDINGS.

6.—M.B.F., No. 661.—Delce, in the parish of S. Peter's, Rochester. Dio. Rochester.—The district in which this mission building is to be erected has a population of 2000 inhabitants; most of them are dockyard hands. The district is half a mile from its parish Church. It is to hold 300 people. Estimated cost, £700. Applicant, Rev. H. Witherby.—£25 voted.

7.—M.B.F., No. 659.—EARBY, in the parish of Thornton-in-Craven. Dio. Ripon.

—This district has a population of 2000 people, and is distant a mile and a quarter from the parish Church. For the last ten years the need of such a building has been keenly felt, but funds have not been forthcoming. It will hold 270, and the estimated

cost is £500. Applicant, Rev. L. B. Morris. -£15 voted.

8.—M.B.F., No. 658.—EDMONTON. Dio. London.—This parish is about ten miles in circumference. The population, owing to the penny workmen's trains, increases about 500 a year. As it is so large, the building of fresh houses follows no plan and breaks out often at the extremities of the parish, which are about one and a half miles from the Church; with a working-class population it is hopeless to expect that they will go that distance to Church. At present there are three mission-rooms, each of which is looked after by a curate. And it is now contemplated to build another. This building will cost £320, and will hold 137. Applicant, Rev. R. S. Gregory.—£10 voted.

9.—M.B.F., No. 662.—College Park, Christ Church, in the parish of S. John's, Kensal Green. Dio. London.—The parish of S. John's, Kensal Green, contains a population of 25,000 people, mainly composed of the very poor. These numbers will soon have increased to 40,000; over 10,000 persons reside in College Park, where house-building is rapidly going on. It has become absolutely necessary now to cut off this district, as it is impossible for the clergy of S. John's to administer to the wants of its inhabitants. Up to the present time the Church of England has no better accommodation than a shop. For two years this shop has been used as a mission-room; it is now much too small for the wants of the district. The Warden and Fellows of All Souls', Oxford, have given a site for a Church, which will in due course be erected. This building is to hold 350, and will cost £1500. Applicant, Rev. W. M. Blandford.—£50 voted.

10.—M.B.F., No. 660.—ROBERTTOWN, ALL SOULS', near Normanton. Dio. Ripon.—The district for which this Mission Church is intended has been quite neglected until now, on account of its distance from the parish Church. Services have been held in a cottage for three months (held by the curate for the district). All are working people who have been gathered in, and not able to do much for the Mission Church. A more suitable building is an absolute necessity. There will be altar, choir-seats, &c., with a curtain to hide same when there is no service. It will hold 220, and it is estimated to cost £700. Applicant, Rev. J. W. Nixon.—

£20 voted.

11.—M.F.B., No. 580.—SOUTHALL GREEN. Dio. London. The site is in the centre of people for whom the Mission Hall is meant, and who require simpler services (at first) than those held in Church. It will be used for services, and also for Sunday-schools, mothers' meetings, &c. It will hold 150, and the cost is estimated at £550. Applicant, Rev. J. Jackson.—£10 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of Gra	ants.		Diocese.			Amount.
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

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A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, March the 15th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present—EDWARD HUSSEY, Esq., in the Chair.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W. WINDSOR-Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.

Rev. Canon J. ERSKINE CLARKE. CLIVE.

J. F. FRANCE, Esq. Rev. C. A. JONES. Rev. G. F. NORMAN. J. HILTON, Esq. Rev. C. WYATT SMITH. ARTHUR POWELL, Esq.

JOHN BOODLE, Esq. EDWARD THORNTON, Esq.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:—

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9226.—Broughton, in the parish of Brymbo. Dio. S. Asaph.—Deferred. 2.—No. 9230.—CYMMER, in the parish of Llantrissant. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church has been talked of for at least seventeen years, but unusual difficulties arose about obtaining a suitable site: at least three different sites were selected, but had to be abandoned for various reasons. An admirable site has now been given in a situation which has only recently become central and accessible through the making of new roads, and the building of new streets. The need for the Church has increased with the lapse of years. There are 4000 inhabitants within ten minutes' walk of the new site. The new Church is planned to hold 500; all seats free. Estimated cost, £2500. Applicant, Rev. J. P. Hughes; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.- £200 voted.

3.—No. 9223.—DUKINFIELD, S. LUKE, in the parish of S. John. Dio. Chester. -Deferred.

4.-No. 9224.-ROCKWELL GREEN, ALL SAINTS, in the parish of Wellington. Dio. Bath and Wells.—Declined.

5.-No. 9232.-Shepherd's Bush, S. Saviour, in the parish of S. Luke's, Hammersmith. Dio. London.-The proposed new Church will be situated in a district consisting entirely of very poor brickmakers and washerwomen, so that all the funds have to be procured outside the district. There are 17,000 people in S. Luke's Parish, and 4000 in the new parish of S. Saviour's. The new Church will accommodate 600, all seats free. Estimated cost, £4935. It is contemplated to build only a portion of the Church at present. Applicant, Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne; Architects, Messrs. Tudor and Alder, London.—£250 voted.

II. FURTHER AID.

6.—No. 8956.—HAYLE, S. ELWYN. Dio. Truro.—The Truro Diocesan Committee

strongly recommend this case for an increased grant, stating that the grant of £80, given in November, 1884, was confessedly less than the exigencies of the case deserved, considering the poverty of the place, and the accommodation provided. There will be fifty more sittings above the number originally provided. The town of Hayle lies in the parishes of Phillack and S. Erth; for fifty years there has been a desire to build a Church there, but until recently no site has been procurable: the one now selected is admirably situated. Applicant, Rev. W. Horsburgh.—£100 added, making £180 in all.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

7.—No. 9227.—MILTON ABBAS, S. JAMES, near Blandford. Dio. Salisbury.—Deferred.

8.—No. 9225.—South Petherwin, S. Paternus, near Launceston. Dio. Truro. —This Church was built at various periods; the last addition was in the sixteenth century. No substantial repairs, as far as known, for many years; the building is very bad in some respects. The Truro Diocesan Committee recommend this case for a grant, urging the necessity, if only for structural reasons, of an extensive restoration, needed also for more decency of service. Estimated cost, £2355. Applicant, Rev. H. T. May; Architect, Mr. G. H. Fellowes Prynne, London.—£60 voted.

IV. REBUILDING; FURTHER AID.

9.—No. 8909.—HIGH LITTLETON, HOLY TRINITY, near Bristol.—The rebuilding of this Church was commenced under very favourable circumstances, but £500 which had been promised was suddenly withdrawn. This placed the promoters in a difficult position. The Church was opened for Divine Service in 1885, but only partially completed, Great efforts are now being made to raise funds to finish the building, for which an additional grant is now requested. The additional works will cost £400, and there is a deficiency of £270. Applicant, Rev. E. C. Streeten.—A grant of £40 was voted April 17, 1884; £20 added, making £60 in all.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.

10.—M.B.F., No. 663.—BREA, in the parish of Tuckingmill, near Camborne. Dio. Truro.—The village of Brea, in which this Mission Church is to be erected, is cut off from its Parish Church by the Great Western Railway and the Great Dolcoath Mine (the largest tin mine in England). The roughness of the roads through the mine greatly hinders the people from attending the services of the Parish Church, especially on dark and wet nights. There is a population of 300 in the village itself, besides that in the surrounding district for which the proposed Mission Church would provide. For some time Divine Service has been held in miner's house. It is to hold 107 persons, and the cost is estimated at £250. Applicant, Rev. A. Adams.—£20 voted.

11.—M.B.F., No. 666.—LADY MOOR, S. OSWALD, in the parish of Coseley, near Bilston. Dio. Lichfield.—The district in which this Mission Building is to be erected is situated in a poor and neglected part of the large and difficult parish of Coseley. It contains a population of 1000 inhabitants. It is to hold 250, and estimated to cost £300. Applicant, Rev. W. Spencer.—£25 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 654.—HOLY TRINITY MISSION HALL, in the parish of Castle Hall, Stalybridge. Dio. Chester.—This building was erected as a Nonconformist Chapel in 1840, and was purchased by the late Canon Brown, Vicar of S. Paul's, Stalybridge. Up to the time of his death, the Canon permitted the use of it as a

Mission Hall; but now his solicitor is pressing the sale, and threatens, unless some arrangement is come to, to sell the property. The building is already licensed by the Bishop of Chester. It will hold 500, and the cost is £500. Applicant, Rev. C. Sutcliffe.—£20 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

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Re-opening of Southwell Minster.

(Abridged from the "Nottingham Daily Guardian.")

THE history of Southwell Minster, or, as it has now become, Southwell Cathedral, is among the most interesting and attractive records of Church history. On its site stood one of the earliest British Christian Churches, and for centuries after the primitive wooden building had been replaced by a stone structure it continued one of the chief centres of religious influence. In Norman and Plantagenet days the town was the favourite resort of Archbishops of York; and in the sixteenth century it was termed the Mother Church of the county. Our readers may be interested to learn something of the past life of this, our youngest Cathedral.

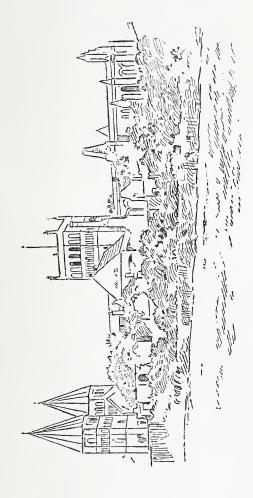
To begin with, we may take it for granted that the history of Southwell is contemporaneous with that of the See of York. The latter had for its first Archbishop, Paulinus—a missionary

from Rome, who on Easter Day, A.D. 627, baptized King Edwin at York. According to Canon Raine, Edwin's kingdom extended from beyond Lincoln and Southwell far into the lowlands of Scotland. The venerable Bede in his record of the Bishop's life and work, tells of his baptizing converts in the flood of the Trent in the neighbourhood of Tiovulginacester.

Though no actual proof can be cited, antiquaries are fairly agreed that the first Church of Southwell was established by Paulinus; and Aldred, the last Saxon Archbishop, also benefited Southwell, which now was beginning to rise into importance. He was the first to place prebendaries there.

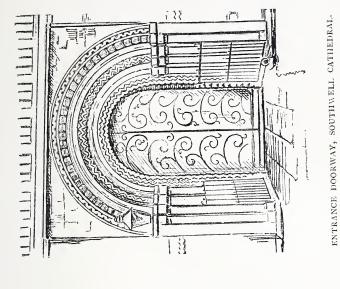
The architecture of the Cathedral is rather a matter of conjecture than of certainty. According to Mr. Dickinson the nave is of the later Saxon-Norman period, which extended to about A.D. 1050; but the windows, where left in their original state, exhibit the purest specimens of Saxon architecture in England. Bishop Warburton was also of opinion that the west end of the Church was built prior to the Conquest, though in many places there are signs of Norman, and even later additions. However, the nave consists of seven large semicircular arches and one small one, and the cylindrical pillars from which the arches spring are remarkably massive. Above the lower tier of arches are short pillars sustaining arches of the same type as those below. The capitals have neither foliage nor figures, but several Norman ornaments. The width of the nave and side aisles is sixty feet, and the length of the nave from the west wall to the western face of the tower, one hundred and forty-three feet, seven inches. Formerly there were three doors at the west, and a small one at each side of the west entrance, but only the latter is now remaining. The great west window is clearly an insertion, being in the Gothic style of architecture.

Archbishop Thomas of Bayeux was the first Norman who owned the property of Southwell. Thomas was succeeded by Archbishop Gerard, who died in the garden at Southwell. Thomas II., who followed him, gained a grant of greater privileges from the King, and freed the Canons and Church from all claims and exactions. Thurstan, the next Primate, founded two new prebends, which he liberally endowed. King Stephen directed

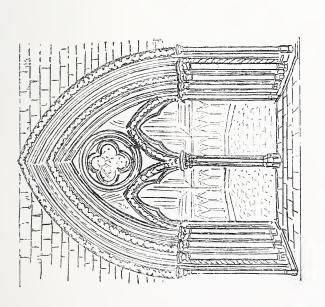


SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL, FROM THE SOUTH-EAST.





ENTRANCE TO CHAPTER HOUSE, SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.





that the Canons should have the woods of their prebends in their own custody, and forbade his followers to take or sell anything there. Archbishop Roger, chaplain to Henry II., founded and endowed the prebend of Halton, and the Church was further enriched by a gift of land and tithes from William, steward of Halton. Pope Alexander III., by a bull bearing date 1171, empowered the Canons to excommunicate any parishioners who were injurious to them, and ordered that both the clergy and laity should, on the feast of Pentecost, come to the Church in solemn procession. A Synod was to be held, and the Chrisma to be brought by the Deans of the county from the Church of York, to be there distributed to the other Churches.

In 1190, Geoffrey Plantagenet, illegitimate son of Henry II., came to Southwell to qualify himself by study for his future career as Archbishop. He was ordained priest at Southwell, and gave the Chapter the Church of St. Helen, near Wheatley. Richard I. confirmed the Chapter in all their rights and privileges, and the confirmation was endorsed by his successor, John. In 1216, Walter de Gray was appointed. He gave the Chapter the Church of Rolleston, and drew up statutes for their guidance. It was doubtless during his supremacy that the building of the choir was undertaken. In 1233 an indulgence was granted to all who should contribute to the construction of "S. Mary of Seewell." The work evidently went gradually on, and the Church grew in popularity and riches, as is shown by the numerous gifts made by pious and wealthy benefactors. The register of Archbishop Melton states, November 12th, 1332: "To John de Dyock, the money necessary to hire a ship to bring plastre ston from Gainsborough to Southwell." Doubtless this "plastre ston" was for some addition to the fabric, for, following the choir, the chapter-house was begun, most likely about 1293. The original of the design is presumably the chapter-house at York. The room is octagonal, vaulted, and the windows are of three lights with geometrical tracery. Some antiquarians consider it more modern than the rest of the building, but all agree that it is one of the most beautiful specimens of Gothic architecture now extant. The foliage of the capitals is exquisite, the oak, vine, hop, ivy, maple, white thorn, and rose, not to

mention many others, are sculptured with the most perfect freedom and delicacy; while no two bosses, capitals, or spandrels, are alike.

An addition in the early English style was the room to the east of the north transept, long used as a library.

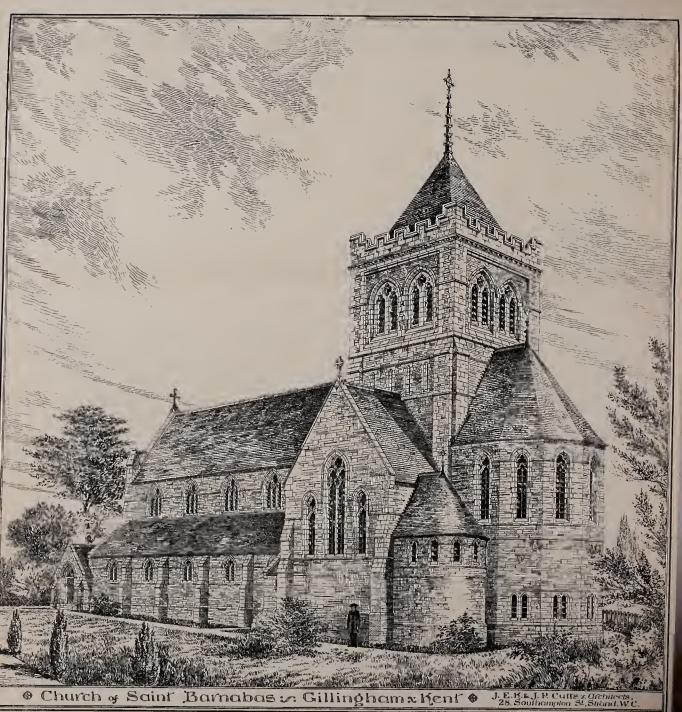
In the reign of Henry VIII. the palace was visited by Cardinal Wolsey, who made several gifts to the Chapter. About 1554, arrived letters addressed to the Dean and Chapter of Southwell, requiring an inventory of the goods under their control. In 1553 Southwell was declared the "head mother Church of the town and county of Nottingham," and was made the site of a Bishopric, but for lack of funds the establishment was not completed. James I. when on his way to London, expressed much admiration for the Church. It was here, too, that Charles I. surrendered himself into the hands of the Scots.

In 1805 the brass eagle used as a lectern was presented. It had been found in the bed of Newstead Abbey lake.

About ten years ago steps were taken to create a new diocese, to consist of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and to raise Southwell Minster to a Cathedral Church, which resulted by the appointment in 1884 of the first Bishop, the Right Rev. George Ridding, D.D., formerly head-master of Winchester College.

Of the gradual method by which the Church was restored latterly, the architect, Mr. Christian, states that the repairs began previous to 1851, by repairing and under-pinning the western towers. Then some of the fifteenth-century windows were reconverted to Norman forms. In 1851 he was instructed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to make a survey of the fabric and to advise generally as to its repairs in the future. Following this the whole of the walls and masonry were carefully restored, and this work was completed in 1875. Besides this, the roofs were restored, the spires on the western towers rebuilt, and the conical roof of the chapter-house, also the interior was refloored and refitted. The plaster screens put in during the early part of the century should be removed and replaced by carved oak similar to those of former times.

On Friday, February 3rd, 1888, about 2000 clergy and laity were assembled for the opening ceremony. The services for the





day began at 9 a.m. with the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Archbishop of Canterbury. About half-past eleven there was a long procession of choir, clergy, Bishops, and his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. They entered the Minster singing the Benedicite, which was followed by the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." The Primate then offered up a prayer at the altar, after which came the Te Deum and the anthem "I have surely built Thee an house."

The Bishop of Lichfield preached the sermon on Malachi iii.

4. After the Archbishop had pronounced the Benediction, the Nunc Dimittis was sung and the ceremony concluded by the procession returning to the vestry singing "The Church's one Foundation."

The amount collected during the day, which will be devoted to defraying the expenses of the Minster as a Cathedral, was £197.

(We are indebted to the kindness of the editor of the Nottingham Daily Guardian for the loan of the accompanying illustrations.)

S. Barnabas, Gillingham, Kent.

THE district for which this Church is most urgently required will be the fourth taken out of the once lovely country parish of Gillingham. It has grown up during the past few years in consequence of the great increase of labour required in the Dockyard Extension at Chatham. Flourishing hop-gardens and orchards have been cut up into building plots, and are being rapidly built upon, passing through the hands of building companies to small holders, who can do but little to help. The Committee have been able to build a Mission Room, and, by the aid of the Rochester Diocesan Society, have had a Missioner at work for more than two years. The room was filled at its opening, and has continued to be so ever since; the space now is utterly inadequate to meet the full needs of the population.

It has been unanimously decided by a Committee representing the district, and including the clergy of the neighbourhood, that an effort should be made towards providing the necessary funds for a new Church.

The Church will consist of nave and chancel, and aisles with porches and baptistery at the west end; organ-chamber, morning chapel, a central tower over chancel, and large vestries and offices under the chancel on account of the fall in the ground. The Church will be faced externally with Kentish ragstone, and plastered internally, with all dressings throughout of Bath stone. It will have an open timber roof with boarded ceilings, and will be covered with tiles. The seating will be of Canadian elm.

At present about £2000 have been raised towards a total of £7500, which it is estimated is the least possible sum for which a Church can be erected suitable to the needs of the district; and the great need will be seen when we state that the population has grown during the past seven years from 1200 to 4000, and also that it lies contiguous to the district of St. Mark, which was divided off in 1867, and has one Church capable of holding about 700 to meet the needs of more than 10,000 people. The help to be obtained from within the parish is necessarily very limited, and the only hope of success lies in the belief that the sympathies of Churchmen may be aroused far and wide to help on the work of providing accommodation and Church teaching for men and their families who are or have been in the service of their country.

The presence of the headquarters of the Jezreelites in this district gives increased interest to the work, and calls for increased sympathy from Church people; they are just completing a very large Temple as headquarters, in the same road and close to the site of the proposed new Church. Of that body, the Bishop of Rochester speaks in his charge as follows: "No one who has been at the pains to read of this last melancholy heresy will wonder at the Vicar of Gillingham's anxiety to see the district supplied with the antidote of the Church's teaching and the help of her ministrations."

Bishop of Rochester's Ten Churches Jund.

THE completion of the work of this Fund has more than a Diocesan interest; and we think the Bishop deserves the congratulations of all Churchmen that his scheme has, within a comparatively short space of time, been brought to a successful issue. But, beyond congratulations, a deep feeling of thankfulness to Almighty God, that He has so manifestly blessed these labours, and accorded the aid of His Most Holy Spirit, will doubtless fill the hearts of many whose sympathies and prayers have gone along with the work now achieved.

The ending of the material is often the beginning of the spiritual. That these Churches may greatly aid in drawing souls to Christ must be the utterance of every pious mind.

We think it may interest our readers to be presented with the history of this work in the Bishop's own words, already published in the Report of the Fund.

- "I. The task of erecting ten new churches, accepted by the Diocesan Conference in 1881, and actually initiated by the Diocesan Society in 1882, after the munificent aid promised us by two London merchants, is now with God's help, completed. All the ten (one of them built by a resident in the diocese at his own charges) are now consecrated: to nine of them legal districts have been assigned; and of the other, the boundaries are settled. Four have been endowed by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, on the score of population, with £200 a year; and the others will, we hope, in their turn, receive a similar endowment. In addition to the nine churches promoted by the Fund, four others—viz., St. John, Plumstead, St. Barnabas, Sutton (both consecrated), St. Andrew, Wardley (Wandsworth), and All Saints, South Wimbledon (yet to be built), have received substantial aid.
- "2. Details, which follow, supplied by the Incumbents themselves, will enable subscribers in some degree to appreciate the difficulty of working new parishes with slender resources, as well as the importance of not augmenting the difficulty by gratuitous delay. The results will be found to vary, just as the men themselves vary, and the localities, which they serve.

Uphill work we always knew it would be, and for a long while it must continue to be. Is that any reason for not attempting it? The Divine message to the Church everywhere, and always is, 'Fear not, but let your hands be strong.'

"3. The total amount of money raised and expended through the Fund is £67,649. This does not include the sum expended on St. Clement's, East Dulwich, a benefaction to the diocese.

"Our plan was to grant a block sum to the Local Committee, which in each parish, where the new church was contemplated, made itself responsible for the completion of the fabric; then the remaining sum required was contributed locally. This stimulated in the neighbourhood sympathy, effort, and prayer. The Committee of the Fund, moreover, was in no case responsible either for the selection of the architect or for the signing of the building contract. The money collected locally to meet the grants of the Committee of the Fund amounts to £21,246, a circumstance which sufficiently justifies the hope we entertained of ample subsidiary aid.

"4. In cases where the original site has been sufficient, or when additional ground has since been procured, three Parsonages and six Mission Rooms are either being erected or are contemplated at no distant date.

"5. Certain points of interest which have emerged in the progress of our enterprise may be briefly indicated. Residents of the labouring class have shown a lively interest in the Church's care for them, and as is ever their wont, have given liberally to the cause. Would that all gave like the poor!

"The Shareholders of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, who own extensive works in the immediate neighbourhood of St. Bartholomew, Camberwell, have recognized their personal responsibility in the matter by privately contributing £1,634 5s 6d. towards the erection of that stately church.

"Every promised contribution has been punctually and cheerfully paid.

"The total of the population for which these ten churches have been erected is 80,500. The sittings provided are 7,692, of which 6,860 are free and unappropriated. The Sunday evening congregations show a total of 4,949; the communicants a total of 1,715. Most of this can be reckoned as clear gain; it will soon make more.

"6. We talk much now of Church defence,—and it is a needful matter to think about,—though from the lips of the clergy themselves, whose best method of Church defence is in quietly and faithfully doing their duty—too much anxiety about it may smack of a sorry courage. Our lay brethren shall do this for us; they can do it better than we can; and we will be in front of them with diligence, conduct, and sympathy. Can there, however, be a more efficient or less irritating weapon of Church defence than the quiet and opportune extension of the Church's system and ministration and life, through the building of churches, when there are congregations ready to receive them with the multiplication of clergymen whose life inspires their message?

"Without dispute, a Church which blandly encourages her wealthier children to build stately churches for their own enjoyment, and to her poorer sons and daughters, who have souls and needs and immense temptations, but no money and 'no helper,' replies, 'Stand thou there' in the porch until there is room for thee, or be content to worship in a cold and sordid schoolroom, forfeits by her selfishness all her grand claim to be the Church of the nation, may find out in the day of her calamity that she has no friends. Which, may God forbid!

"7. And now, what next? For nothing so cements, stirs, and deepens Diocesan life, or draws good men of large hearts to strive together for the faith of the Gospel, as a great and manifest task, in which all can honestly share. The duty will surely be made manifest when the occasion and resources are ready. But the harvest is great, the labourers are few, and the time is short."

B. Barnabas, Cambridge.

THIS Church, situated in the "Mill Road," is intended for a large and poor population which has recently settled down on the north side of the Cambridge Railway Station.

The District assigned to it is taken out of the three adjoining Parishes of S. Paul, Christ Church, and S. Matthew; and contains about 6000 inhabitants.

The Church itself has been erected in portions, and at intervals. In 1869, the Master and Fellows of Caius College liberally gave the site, the chancel was then erected (from the designs of the late Mr. Talbot Bury), at a cost of £1200, and, on S. Barnabas' Day in the following year, was opened for Divine Service under a licence from the Bishop.

In 1877, it was found that the accommodation was not sufficient for the rapidly increasing population, and, in accordance with a resolution passed at a meeting held in the Guildhall, a Committee was formed, of which the present Bishop of Durham and the Vice-Chancellor were successively Chairmen, and the Rev. H. Hall, Vicar of S. Paul's, Treasurer.

Mr. W. Bassett-Smith, of John Street, Adeiphi, was appointed architect, and the plans for the Church were at once prepared, and after their approval by the Incorporated Church Building Society, the works were commenced.

A Memorial Stone was laid by the present Bishop of Winchester, in October, 1878; and the Church was consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese in May, 1880.

For lack of Funds, the Committee were not able to undertake more than three bays of the nave and aisles at that time, but last year an effort was made to complete the nave, aisles, porch, and vestry, and this has just been accomplished, leaving the tower and spire for a future time.

The building as now completed consists of a large chancel, three bays in length, 40 ft. \times 22 ft.; a nave of four bays, 76 ft. \times 24 ft. 6 in., with north and south aisles, 13 ft. wide; north transept, north porch, and a vestry on the south side of the chancel. Accommodation is provided for 600 adults, and the cost has been £4870, towards which the Incorporated Church Building Society has granted £300.

A sum of £1000 towards the endowment, bequeathed by the late Mrs. Turner, has been paid over to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, and invested by them.

W. Bassett-Smith, Architect.

S. BARNABAS, CAMBRIDGE.



Reviews, &c.

Christ and Ecclesiastes, by Canon Scott Holland (Rivingtons). Under this title the mournful expressions of the Preacher are taken to illustrate the practical outcome of Modern Science, and to show how far the results that have been arrived at are from satisfying the cravings of the human soul.

The progress of Science during the last half-century has been wonderful; not only has the store of facts been enormously increased, but new methods of treating all scientific subjects have been introduced, and we have heard a rumour that Science would supply a new Gospel to supersede the old one of Revelation; and yet after all

what can it offer?—the hopelessness of Agnosticism—for bread a stone.

It would indeed be strange if the teaching of Evolution, by introducing the idea of variation into what has hitherto been regarded as invariable, should open the way for many to recognizing the possibility, and even the probability, of miracles; especially the great miracle of the Incarnation, which at once elevates the human race and gives an intelligible meaning to human life by showing it as an educational state preparatory to a higher existence.

We would commend this little book as a suitable one to put into the hands of any

whose faith has at all been shaken by the assertion of Modern Science.

Sermons preached to Harrow Boys, by Rev. J. E. C. Welldon (Rivingtons). Though designedly written for a special purpose, and although the writer disclaims any expectation that they should be read beyond the limits of the school, these sermons are well worth reading by any one, due allowance being made for local references, &c., which they of necessity contain. The titles of some of the sermons will give an idea of their scope; and plain speaking on such subjects as "The Religious Value of Small Duties,""The Animal World," "Friendships," and "The Uses of Holidays," though very profitable for schoolboys, need not be restricted to them. Especially valuable are the lines laid down for the formation of friendships. Unselfishness, trustfulness, respect, "and religion," a fourfold basis upon which all friendships worthy of the name must be built; taking friendship as something much higher than mere acquaintance, or even companionship-something which will bring home to us His words Who said, 'Ye are My friends.'

Though a volume of sermons is not generally supposed to be an acceptable present to a schoolboy, yet from the attractive manner in which the subjects are dealt with, there must be many schoolboys who would be found deeply interested in them, after they had got over the first shock of having a book of sermons presented to them.

Christian Economics, by Wilfrid Richmond, M.A. (Rivingtons). This book contains a series of sermons on Political Economy as seen from the pulpit. Conscience and commerce are frequently considered a somewhat incongruous mixture, but Mr. Richmond endeavours to show how far this point of view is from being the correct one. He maintains that modern Political Economy has laid itself open to grave censure by becoming merely a history of enlightened self-interest and competition; that, not only should every one who is willing and able to produce good work be employed, but he should receive the full value of his labour, and be enabled to live on its proceeds. He goes on to prove that the desire to live is of Divine origin, but it must also include a determination to live well and to work honestly at any worthy object we can find. He also points out how dependent we are on each other; how none of us, not even the so-called "self-made man," can do without the help of our fellowlabourers. It is to be feared that this book will be considered somewhat Quixotic, but it is well and carefully written, and will repay a thoughtful perusal. The

language is simple and well chosen, and the style clear. Some of the sermons have been preached in various Churches, but the rest now appear for the first time.

Brian Fitz-Count, by the Rev. A. D. Crake (Rivingtons) (the author of many historical tales) is an interesting and instructive tale of the days of King Stephen. It gives a graphic account of the hardships and cruelties endured by the poor English under the powerful Normans during those years of civil war. Brian Fitz-Count himself is a cruel and hard man, and feared by all around, but one who had had great private troubles, and who had allowed his troubles to harden him and lead him to unbelief. His son Osric was stolen from him as a little child, and when sixteen years of age was taken by Brian as a page; but it was not till some years after that he found out he was his son. Osric had a good influence over his father, and it is touching to see Brian close his life as a Knight Templar. There are other incidents in the book prettily told, such as the career of Brian's other two sons, who were lepers, and banished from their home and parents, and who die as boys while living with a holy monk who took them in. The book is of equal merit to Mr. Crake's former tales.

Spon's Architects' and Builders' Price Book for 1888. We have received a copy of the 15th edition of this work. Its yearly appearance points to its meeting a telt want. In the memoranda there is brought together much information that it would be otherwise difficult to obtain from one' source, though we must confess to feeling a little puzzled at finding the Emblems of the Saints cropping up in such a place. The notes on the Five Orders are well done for the small space they occupy; but we hardly think a two-page description of the art of Perspective can be of much service. The portion dealing with prices is necessarily not exhaustive, as will be seen by comparing it with Saxton's work, which devotes over 300 pages to what in this book is condensed into 120 pages of similar size. Indeed, in looking up the word "Stove" in the index, we were unable to find it. On the whole, the book seems more useful for its memoranda than for that part of it which gives its title to the work.

The Beginnings of Religion, by T. S. Bacon (Rivingtons). It is hardly too much to say that this book is not likely to become popular. In the first place, the subject is not treated in a way calculated to please the general reader; and in the next, there are few people who will not be displeased at the illiberal and unnecessary fault-finding in which Mr. Bacon indulges. Of this a few examples will suffice. When we read (p. 232) that "Goethe has done more, with his splendid talents, to undermine all faith and godliness, purity and truth, than any one else among the Germans"—or such a note as that relating to the Rev. S. Baring-Gould (p. 261)—or, again, of "the poisonous fumes" of evolution; not to mention the many and various sneers at Mr. Edwin Arnold, Professor Max Müller, and Sir Charles Lyell, we are tempted to remind the author that "abuse is not argument," and only weakens its employer. In addition the book is dull, and heavily written. The few jokes scattered sparsely through its pages move more to tears than to laughter, and the arguments are wearisome and sometimes involved. It is difficult to see that the publication of this work, ponderous as it is, will fulfil any useful purpose.

The half-crown series of devotional works edited by H. L. Sidney Lear (Rivingtons) has lately been enriched by a translation of the Treatise by S. Francis de Sales "Of the Love of God." It has been said that there are few devotional writers whose works have more reality about them and are less conventional than S. Francis. This remark is amply justified in the present volume. It is full of pregnant home-truths—e.g. "There is no merit in a small appetite, but abstinence on religious grounds is a virtue; natural taciturnity has no virtue, but deliberate reticence of speech is different'

(p. 371). The translator may be congratulated on the easy language into which she has rendered the original.

Church History of Cornwall, and of the Diocese of Truro, by Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma (Elliot Stock). A very interesting sketch of the work of the Church in a remote part of the country. The author says, "It is quite possible to compile a history of four times this size with the materials at hand." We hope he will himself undertake this task. The present work originally appeared in The Church in the West, and is too much chopped up into tiny chapters to be very interesting reading. We are quite sure the able author could produce a valuable work which would prove a standard authority on the subject, and we trust he will undertake the task.

Selections from Pascal's Thoughts (Rivingtons). This little book, compiled by Mrs. Sidney Lear, is intended to lead people to find for themselves the thought and philosophy of Pascal's Pensées. The selections have evidently been made on no systematic principle, and have been taken from various editions of Pascal's works. It is excellent reading for a few spare moments, and contains many thoughts the reader can enlarge on for himself; there is no lack of good maxims in the selections, the only thing wanting is the personal application.

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S. Sabiour's, Holloway, London, A.

The need of a Church for this new and thickly peopled district has been well described by the Bishop of London as "great and urgent." The only building available for parochial work is the Iron Church, which is filled to overflowing every Sunday; while large Sunday Schools, Clothing Club, Penny Bank, and other agencies are carried on in the Board School and in private houses hired for the purpose. The opening of the permanent Church will set the Iron Building free for all parish meetings, &c.

The following particulars will not be uninteresting:—
Tender for Chancel, Nave, and Aisles complete, to seat 702. £5500
Cost of Nave and Aisles only (including all fittings and charges),

being the portion now in course of erection, to seat 560 . £4250. The amount promised or paid up to the present is over £3000,

of which f, 900 has been paid in by residents in the district.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently, on the recommendation of the Bishop, made a Grant of £500 on condition of an equal benefaction being raised within a limited time, and as there are no rich people in the locality, and the residents have already seriously taxed themselves, I feel compelled, on their behalf, to appeal to the hearts and sympathies of God's people for such help as will enable us to secure the Commissioners' Grant within the stipulated period. Of the needed £500, my congregation have already subscribed £100, and now they look for assistance from their wealthier brethren,—not vainly I trust.

Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by

ALBERT I. ARD,

Vicar-designate.

75, HANLEY ROAD, CROUCH HILL, LONDON, N.

N.B.—All Cheques should be made payable to "S. Saviour's (Holloway) Church Puilding Fund," and crossed "Messrs. Barclay and Co."

S. Michael and All Angels' Church,

WE desire to call the attention of the Public to the Appeal of the Rev. HUGH RYVES BAKER for Contributions to complete the above-named Church.

We know the good work that Mr. BAKER has been doing for more than twenty years at S. Michael's, and we hope that, when it is brought under the notice of Churchmen, they will readily respond to a call made on them by such a place as Woolwich, which, as one of the great workshops of the Nation, has a right to look for help from the public at large.

The Parish is the poorest in the locality, and the population is mainly composed of persons who either are or have been in Government employ.

The temporary building, which now serves as a Nave, will not last another winter.

It will be seen that the Appeal has the cordial support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

HILLINGDON, 67, Lombard Street, E.C.

HALIFAX, 88, Eaton Square, S.W.

EDWARD S. TALBOT, M.A., Warden of Keble College, Oxford.

J. A. SHAW-STEWART, 71, Eaton Place, S.W.

HENRY BOYD, D.D., Principal of Hertford College, Oxford.

ROBERT GREGORY, Canon of S. Paul's.

J. C. EDGHILL, Chaplain-General of the Forces.

FRANCIS H. MURRAY, Rector of Chislehurst, and Rural Dean.

SAMUEL G. Scott, Rector of Woolwich, and Rural Dean, who will be glad to answer any questions.

I am most anxious to get the above Church completed by the addition of the Nave and Aisles, for which Mr. Butterfield has prepared the plans. The iron building which serves as a temporary Nave is more than nineteen years old, and is quite avorn out.

To complete the Church, and to augment to a moderate extent the endowment, the sum of £10,000 is needed, of which £2500 has already been promised by a few friends, including the Bishops of Rochester and Lincoln, the Warden of Keble College, Earl Beauchamp, Mr. J. A. Shaw-Stewart, and Mr. Richard Foster.

Woolwich has a very special claim on public sympathy, and I therefore trust the remaining £7500 will be forthcoming during the next two months, in order that the building operations may be commenced in the Spring.

CONTRIBUTIONS will be thankfully received by myself, or by RICHARD FOSTER, Esq., Homewood, Chislehurst, who has kindly consented to act as one of the Treasurers of the Fund.

S. Saviour's, Roath. Appeal for Funds.

A CHURCH is very urgently needed for the District of the East Moors, in the Parish of Roath, Cardiff.

POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT: 1881 1888 CHURCH ACCOMMODATION:

Two temporary places of worship; seats = 320. The inhabitants of the District belong EXCLUSIVELY to the working classes; there are NO wealthy residents in it.

Three Clergy are at work in the District; the Curate-in-charge working without

stipend for the past ten years.

The Foundation Stone of a New Church (Architects: MESSRS. BODLEY & GARNER) has just been laid. It will seat 850, and the estimated cost of the entire fabric is about £6500, towards which £3400 have already been given and promised, leaving £3100 still to be obtained.

It is absolutely impossible to get this sum in the District.

Now that the Church in Wales is being attacked, it is all the more necessary that Churchmen should show that they are providing for the religious needs of the people.

F. J. BECK, Vicar of Roath. ROBERT J. IVES, Vicar of S. German's. ALFRED SHEEN, Churchwardens of J. R. NICHOLAS, S. German's.

The Bishop of Llandaff says:-"I very earnestly commend this appeal to the favourable consideration of Churchmen.—R. LLANDAFF."

*** Donations should be sent to—

The Rev. J. E. DAWSON, Curate-in-charge, 25, Splott Road, Cardiff.

BARNABAS' CHURCH, GILLINGHAM, CHATHAM. Help . is earnestly solicited towards the building of the permanent Church, which is much required to meet the needs of the population brought to this district by the proximity of the Chatham Dockyard. The Bishop of Rochester, speaking of this district, said, "At Gillingham a move forward is imminent. A large and important artisan population has sprung up on the Chatham side of it, for which it is important to make immediate spiritual provision." The following are among those who have already helped:-The Bishop of Rochester, £100; per the Bishop of Rochester, £100; the Vicar of Gillingham, £100; the Dean and Chapter of Rochester, £100; Congregation of "S. Barnabas," in five years (of which £500 is already paid) £1000; Dr. Weekes, £50; the Rev. Canon Burrows, £25; the Very Rev. the late Dean of Rochester, £25; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Rochester, £25; Mrs. Hawkins, £25; poer the Rev. Canon Colson, £20; the Rev. Canon Colson, R.D., £10; the Rev. Canon Cooke, £10; Colonel J. Bevan-Edwards, £5: Rev. R. Morris, £5; Colonel A. Pope, £3 3s. Subscriptions may be paid to the London and Provincial or London and County Banks, Chatham and Rochester, "S. Barnabas' Church Account;" or they will be gladly received by Dr. Weekes, Mansion House, Brompton, Chatham, Hon. Treasurer.

PETER'S, CHELMARSH, BRIDGNORTH. Wanted in this very poor parish £900, to complete the restoration of the Church, or special gifts of organ, choir stalls, or chancel screen. Address-Rev. A. T. Seddon, Chelmarsh Vicarage, Bridgnorth.

THURCH EXTENSION. An appeal is urgently made on behalf of a populous colliery district in South Wales—sadly in need of a Church. Local resources have been taxed to the utmost, and yet a considerable sum is needed. The cost of the proposed Church is £1500, of which £500 is still deficient. Will those who have the welfare of our Church at heart send help, however small, to Rev. D. Leigh, Llanfabon Rectory, Treharris, R.S.O.

N.B.—The following articles of Church furniture: pulpit, reredos, altar, lectern,

font, &c., will be thankfully acknowledged.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

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THE Annual General Court of the Incorporated Church Building Society was held on Thursday, May the 17th, 1888, at the Offices, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Durham presiding. Amongst those present were Earl Nelson, Lord Addington, Lord Robartes, General Lowry, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. G. H. W. Windsor-Clive, Rev. Canon Cazenove, Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, Rev. Canon T. W. Perry, Rev. C. F. Norman, Major Watson, Edward Thornton, Esq., James Hilton, Esq., and G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.

Prayers were read by the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from the Domestic Chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury:—

"LAMBETH PALACE, S.E.,
"February 27th, 1888.

"My DEAR BLAKISTON,—The Archbishop regrets extremely that he will not be able to preside at the Annual General Court of the Incorporated Church Building Society on May 17th, as his Grace has an engagement on that day; and the preparation for the Lambeth Conference brings a great stress of business at that time.

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "M. FOWLER, Chaplain."

and that letters, regretting their inability to be present at the meeting, had also been received from the Duke of Rutland, the

Earl of Dartmouth, the Bishop of Wakefield, Lord Norton, the Dean of Lichfield, and others.

The Seventieth Annual Report was then presented to the meeting.

The Right Reverend CHAIRMAN in his opening address said: "I am sure I may say without fear of contradiction that those who have watched the operation of this Society will allow that it deserves the cordial and generous support of all loyal Churchmen—a far more generous support, indeed, than it has hitherto received. The future historian of the Victorian era, when he comes to recount the achievements of the age, will, I feel sure, state as one the characteristics of that period the vast architectural activity and development which belonged to it. He will also say that it was not only a great building but a great church-building age. In that respect he might add that it was without a parallel in the history of the Church. I allow that the historian will look in vain for those efforts of genius which characterized the architectural outburst that followed the Norman Conquest and the time of the Edwards; he will also look in vain for the beauty and stateliness which belonged to the latest development of English art which we call Perpendicular; but in point of extent the architectural activity of the Victorian era will bear comparison with any previous time. There is scarcely a church that from the fact that it is a new one, or that it has been restored, does not bear witness to the energy of our own days. Then, again, there is the restoration of churches; and there are likewise, what I hold to be of extreme importance, the Mission-rooms. I will refer to what has been done in my own diocese. The population had increased sixfold during the present century and was still increasing. The diocese is now conterminous with the whole county of Durham, and contains 240 parish churches; but at the beginning of this century there were just about one-third of that number. The increase had been made principally during the last fifty years, and I have no hesitation in saying that in almost every instance, assistance, great or small, has been given by this Society; and I have just heard from the Secretary that the Committee have this very morning granted £200 towards

the erection of a church in a new and rapidly increasing mining district in my diocese. Besides the many churches which have been built in the diocese of Durham during the last few years, the number of Mission-chapels has largely increased, and is still largely increasing. It is in this direction, so far as I can see, that we must look for the development of the Church. What a contrast does such a state of things present to what prevailed at the end of the last century and the beginning of the present. It has been asserted, and I do not question the accuracy of the statement, though I have not been able to verify it, that Dr. Porteus, who was Bishop of London for one-and-twenty years (1787-1809), consecrated only one church during the whole time of his Episcopate! This seems to us quite astounding. The population of London was, of course, far short then of what it is now, but still it was enormous and was rapidly increasing. In my own diocese, the population of which is far less, I have consecrated churches at the rate of four or five every year since I have been there; besides dedicating many new Mission-chapels. How large a part this Society has taken in this movement I think you will divine at once if you will read the Report. But it is not only in the extent of its operations, it is also in the wisdom of the principles on which it rests that I wish to dwell. First of all, I would point to the fact that its mode of making grants is a stimulus to the benefactions of others. Indeed, the erection of every new church is in itself an enormous stimulus. It is not only a new centre of pastoral activities, but it tends directly to bring other endowments. You are probably aware that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have been in the habit of endowing populous districts where they thought a new church was needed and where the church had actually been built. You are also aware that in places where there were what were called local claims—that is to say, in neighbourhoods from which capitular or Episcopal revenues were derived—the Commissioners endowed new churches with greater freedom. Unfortunately, their resources are very much less ample than they were, and their capacity for making grants is less than it used to be; but in the past when you erected a new church you added to the endowment of the parish. Then,

again, this central body has encouraged the formation of the Diocesan Societies. It is one of its rules not to give money for the erection or restoration or enlargement of any church unless a contribution has been made to it from the Diocesan Fund. There is a second principle adopted by this Society which, I think, shows great wisdom. It is in the best sense of the word democratic, for it aims at making churches free and open. Now this has always been our ideal. As in so many other things, we have not always been able to attain to it; and in some cases we have been obliged to treat it as a counsel of perfection. I should deprecate the extravagance that would hear of nothing short of our ideal. In London, I suspect, there are districts not a few where the only way of getting a church erected and of providing a suitable endowment for the incumbent is by a certain resort to pew-rents. In such cases this Society stipulates that at least half the sittings shall be free, and it is surely very much better that the church should be built even on those terms. To have a church where half the sittings are open to the poor, where they may hear the Gospel preached without money and without price, must be better than not to have such a church erected at all. I therefore consider that the Society has hit the happy mean. It does not forget our ideal, but it does not press it to the extravagance of refusing to give anything to a church unless it is absolutely free. Another point for which the Society deserves our highest gratitude is that it takes care for the solidity and congruity of the buildings which are erected with its aid. It submits the plans to its committee of consulting architects; so that it is not possible for structures erected under its auspices to be unroofed by one or two storms, and ultimately blown down. Thus you have a security that the buildings you aid shall be solid and substantial; that they shall be well adapted to the purposes for which they are designed, and that there shall be no incongruity in their architecture. Undoubtedly, therefore, this Society has rendered a great æsthetic service to the Church and country. For these reasons, you will see that it deserves our most cordial support, especially when we think how slender the income is upon which it has achieved such

great results. For many years it has never been able to distribute in grants more than £10,000 per annum; and I would call your attention to a fact that seems to indicate that its resources are likely to become more slender still. I refer to the operation of the late conversion scheme, from which, to a certain extent, most Church societies have suffered. This, therefore, is an additional reason why additional support should be given the Society. Notwithstanding all the parish churches that we have erected within the last seventy years, we have not reached the full complement of our work, and there is still much more to be done in that direction. When we have completed that, there will be needed a large development of Mission-rooms, because experience has shown that the more you multiply ecclesiastical centres, and the nearer you bring means of worship to the people, the more imperative will be the need of Mission-chapels. Lastly, when there has been a full provision of parish churches there will remain the work of restoration, which will go on and on, I trust, to the end of time. For these reasons I feel sure the meeting will agree in offering its earnest support to the Society."

LORD ADDINGTON, in moving the adoption of the Report, observed that, notwithstanding all the efforts which had been made for the extension of the Church, they had not been able to keep pace with the population. The parish in which he was born contained at that time about 4000 inhabitants, now it had 124,000, and there were many other cases of a similar kind. So enormously had the population of this country grown since the commencement of the century, that the old endowments of churches, provided by the wisdom and liberality of our ancestors, was entirely inadequate for the demands of the present day. There was now a very deep sense of responsibility resting upon all Churchmen to provide our everdeveloping population with churches, and he, therefore, besought those who could do it to support generously the Church Building Society, which was carrying on such admirable work for the extension and greater efficiency of the Church of England throughout the land. The work that had to be done, however, could not be met with guinea subscriptions. The old

stereotyped pound for the society and shilling for the collector really would not do, and people must learn to give on a more adequate scale. If they would but go on the old system of giving one-tenth of their income for the benefit of the Church, there would be something like adequate means; whereas they had now to deplore the poverty and the paucity of the subscriptions to the great societies. It was a fact that nearly all the same names are found on the subscription lists of all the Church Societies, which proves that there are a great many Churchmen who give nothing at all.

CANON CAZENOVE, in seconding the resolution, said that in the present day people run after so many new-fangled societies, and did not rally round the old ones, such as this was; and he gave three special reasons for helping it: It gives assistance to church erection, and stops the pulling down of old churches by restoring them; it has a board of architects, who consider all the plans, and so insure the stability and beauty of the church; and it gives great encouragement to Mission-church building.

The CHAIRMAN put the resolution for the adoption of the Report to the meeting, and it was carried *nem. con.*

The Secretary at this point announced that the result of the ballot for the election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows:—Additional *Vice-Presidents*—The Earl of Mount-Edgeumbe and Lord Justice Cotton. *Auditors*—Mr. G. T. Biddulph, Mr. John Boodle, and Mr. F. G. Prideaux. *Treasurer*—Mr. H. Gerard Hoare. *Members of Committee* (who had retired by rotation, but were all re-elected)—Archdeacon Burney, Canon A. J. Ingram, the Rev. Dr. T. West, the Rev. C. A. Jones, Lord Robartes, Mr. G. Alan Lowndes, Mr. F. H. Rooke, Mr. Edward Thornton, and Mr. James Hilton.

THE EARL NELSON moved the second resolution :-

"That in view of the continued demand upon this Society, and the great assistance rendered through its agency in promoting the enlargement, building, and repairing of Churches and Chapels, and in the provision of Mission-buildings in town and country parishes, and in undertaking the trust of Repair Funds for particular churches, this meeting considers the Society deserves a general and liberal support."

His lordship said: "It often strikes me that this Society fulfils the old fable of the pelican which feeds its own young.

It has itself started all the Diocesan Societies, and they not only demand subscriptions which would otherwise flow into the old Society's coffers, but also demand large grants from their parent. This is the reason why we should try and keep up the finances of the Society. Having been an active member of our own Diocesan Society, I can bear testimony to the work of the architects, and the supervision which the Society exercises, and it gives backbone to the work when plans come before the Diocesan Society. We, on the spot, can understand better than those here the needs of the case, and our idea of the amount of a grant necessary is a good one for the parent Society to go upon. But it gives immense backbone, when a bad piece of a plan is found, to know that it will be seen by clever architects, who will not let it pass unaltered. I was asked to speak on the importance of Mission-churches. We know, when St. John the Baptist sent to ask if Jesus was the Christ, the answer our Lord sent back to him. Not only that 'the deaf hear, the blind see, and the dead are raised up,' but—the great point we touch in Mission-chapels-'the poor have the Gospel preached to them.' I thank the Chairman, and accept his advice as to free and open churches, and I accept most heartily the Society's rule, but I say it, knowing that when half is freely given, the whole will surely come. The great point of future work is to restore and supply churches, but more so to provide Missionchurches. Archdeacon Farrar has spoken of the importance of forming a body of lay preachers to work among the masses. I am looking forward to a thorough organization of a system of lay help in the Church, and there the demand for Missionchapels comes to the front; and I have no hesitation in saying that proper organized lay ministrations to supplement the work of the clergy, and a large number of Mission-rooms to supplement the churches, will stop the onflow of Nonconformist chapels, and will hereafter conduce to a general working together for the honour and glory of God."

CANON ERSKINE CLARKE, in seconding the resolution, said: "I wish to emphasize two features, which have been brought home to myself, of the work of the Society. Lord Addington has referred to the parish in which he lived. I live in the suburb in

which Clapham Junction lies, and it is the middle of my district. Round it are acres and acres filled with houses, built with leases of ninety years, and it is practically impossible to get the freehold. Our municipal improvements are carried out with borrowed money, and the onus of paying it is thrown on succeeding generations. We talk about the 'Dark Ages;' let us look at the great minster under whose shadow we are, and whose beauty we cannot excel. Look at the cathedrals of York and Durham. Even in our own parish we have inherited a church whose copper tower is to be seen by all who cross the river near Victoria. While we draw from our ancestors, however, we ought not to throw burdens on to posterity. In ministering to congregations who live in buildings thatched with leases we cannot build a church unless we have the freehold, and the Nonconformists get the better of us by their great loan fund for this purpose. People who live in lease-thatched houses would give their sixpence or threepence a week to keep up the religious services, but they cannot build a church, and this is where the Society steps in and does such great good. A church is no security for borrowed money, as it cannot be used for any other purposes. The other feature of the Society's work is that it holds in trust £84,785, the interest on which goes to repair 340 churches as they require it; and it is quite willing to do. this for other churches if the money is forthcoming. On these two grounds, both for country, and suburban, and metropolitan churches, the Society has strong claims, and it has great help to render, and we should give it our hearty and earnest support."

Upon the resolution being put to the meeting, the Chairman declared that it was carried unanimously.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W. WINDSOR-CLIVE proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop of Durham for presiding.

The Rev. C. F. NORMAN, in seconding the motion, made, as one intimately acquainted with the Society's work, an earnest appeal for renewed support. They wanted more help from the parishes aided. He had made a calculation, and he found that they had sent on an average only half-a-crown apiece. If they would try to increase their contributions to an average of £1 it would be a great help. With regard to what had been said

about Mission-chapels, he reminded the meeting that not one sixpence of the General Fund of the Society could be touched for erecting those buildings, but they would be very glad to receive special contributions for the purpose.

The vote of thanks having been carried, the BISHOP OF DURHAM briefly replied, and then dismissed the meeting with

the Benediction.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, April the 19th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Ven. the Archdeacon of Essex in the Chair.

LORD COLCHESTER.

LORD ROBARTES.

Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke.

Rev. C. A. Jones.

Rev. C. F. Norman.

Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund Mission Buildings Fund				£44	14)	(4440
Mission Buildings Fund					35 Š	₹4149
"R. M. Fund"						173
Hine Legacy						1094

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, Arthur Powell, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

1.—No. 9226.—BROUGHTON, in the parish of Brymbo. Dio. S. Asaph.—Deferred.

2.—No. 9223.—DUKINFIELD, S. LUKE. Dio. Chester.—Deferred.

3.—No. 9231.—Henshaw, in the parish of Haltwhistle. Dio. Newcastle.—This conventional district contains 18,944 acres; and the parish 58,512. The Church accommodation of the district is insufficient for the proposed parish, consequently, before making the division, it is necessary to increase the Church accommodation. The proposed Church is to be built at Henshaw, two miles from Bettingham, another village with a population of 550 around it in a circle of one mile radius, the Church

being in the centre of the circle. The Church at Bettingham has an endowment of £146, but no cure of souls. The Church will hold 150 persons, all seats free. Estimated cost, £1100. Applicant, Rev. G. Reed; Architect, Mr. R. J. Johnson, Newcastle.—£80 voted.

4.—No. 9236.—Hove, All Saints. Dio. Chichester.—The old Parish Church is almost on the edge of the 'parish, and is quite inadequate to the present wants. The middle portion of the parish is rapidly filling up; and it will probably not be long before more houses are built. Owing to the fluctuating character of the population it is extremely difficult to obtain large sums which are necessary to start a great undertaking of this kind, but a large central Church is absolutely needed for so important a neighbourhood. It is intended in the first instance to build the nave and aisles, to accommodate 800 worshippers, at a cost of £12,000. The whole Church will accommodate 1270 persons, and the cost, exclusive of tower, is estimated at £24,000. Applicant, Rev. T. Peacey; Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., London.—£250 voted.

5.—No. 9224.—RCCKWELL GREEN, ALL SAINTS, near Wellington. Dio. Bath and Wells.—Deferred.

6.—No. 9233.—South Park, S. Clement's, Ilford. Dio. S. Alban's.—The part of the parish in which it is proposed to build a new Church has been taken possession of by a Building Company. They in one year built 170 houses, and have since made them up to 200. The tenants on the new estate are many of them very indifferent to religion, and the distance they are from the Church gives them a good excuse for neglecting public worship altogether. It is proposed to build now the chancel, which with but little temporary work can be made to hold 300 persons, and to cost £2500. The Diocesan Grant of £500 is for this first portion. The whole Church will contain seats for 888, 402 pew-rented. The estimated cost is £6200. Applicant, Rev. H. B. Barnes; Architects, Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, London.—£200 votéd.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

7.—No. 9229.—LLANMIHANGEL, S. MICHAEL, near Cowbridge. Dio. Llandaff. The date of erection of this Church is unknown; it is very dilapidated, no repairs having been done during this century. The parish is a small one and contains no resident landowner. The past history of this Church is not remarkable for anything except for containing the mortal remains of a Lord Mayor of London, Sir Humphrey Edwin, who was in office in 1697, and died and was buried in 1707. 32 seats will be added. The estimated cost is £605. Applicant, Rev. E. Jenkins; Architect, Mr. F. R. Kempson, Hereford.—£15 voted.

8.—No. 9202.—MEVAGISSEY, S. PETER. Dio. Truro.—It is not known when the Church was erected. No repairs have been done for many years, and the building became ruinous. The population is poor, and fishing very precarious. The people have done all they can, and a considerable sum is still needed. The work has now been completed. Estimated cost, £1815. This case is recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. Applicant, Rev. E. M. Perry; Architect, Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn, London.—£20 voted.

9.—No. 9227.—MILTON ABBAS, S. JAMES, near Blandford. Dio. Sarum.—Deferred.

10.—No. 9215.—WINDY NOOK, S. ALBAN'S, in the parish of Heworth, near Felling-on-Tyne. Dio. Durham.—This Church was built A.D. 1840, assisted by a grant of £175. The Church is far too small for the population, which has doubled since its erection. The Parishioners are almost exclusively of the working class.

86 seats will be added. Estimated cost, £500. Applicant, Rev. E. H. Adamson; Architect, Mr. W. S. Hicks, Newcastle.—£20 voted.

III. FURTHER AID.

11.—No. 8774.—S. PAUL'S, TRURO. Dio. Truro.—As very great difficulty has been experienced in raising sufficient funds to finish the work, some further help is asked to complete the structure. The works still required to be done are the addition of the new north aisle to nave, new arcade, the rebuilding west end of nave, new north and south porches, and a new nave roof; the cost of this will be £1500, with but £900 in hand, and without hopes of getting further help from Truro. There is great need of better accommodation for the poor, £3600 has been spent on the enlargement since 1882. In November, 1882, £110 was voted, £70 of which sum was paid in 1884. £40 still remains unpaid. Applicant, Rev. F. Evelyn Gardiner.—£60 voted, making £100 in all.

IV. Mission Buildings.

12.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS. Dio. York.—Deferred. 13.—M.B.F., No. 667.—GRAIG, in the parish of Llanpumpsaint. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

14.—M.B.F., No. 669.—GLOUCESTER, S. PAUL. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—Deferred.

15.—M.B.F., No. 668.—PRINCES GATE, in the parish of Lampeter Velfrey, near Narberth. Dio. S. David's.—The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a Grant.—Deferred.

16.—M.B.F., No. 670.—WOONTON, in the parish of Almeley, near Eardisley Dio. Hereford.—Deferred.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

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No. of	Gran	ıts.		Diocese.				Amount.
	I			Canterbury		•		£35
	I			London				25
	I			Durham				200
	Ι			Exeter	•			50
	I			Hereford				IO
	Ι		•	Norwich				25
	I			S. Alban's				30
	I			Salisbury				40
	2			S. David's				25
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I	0					T	otal	£440
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

5		•	General Fund		£340
4			Mission Buildings Fund		60
Ι	•	•	Hinc Legacy	•	40

10 Total £440

A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, May the 17th, 1888, at 12 noon.

Present-The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Canon Cazenove. John Boodle, Esq.

Rev. C. A. Jones. Lt.-Col. the Hon. G. H. WINDSOR-CLIVE.

Rev. Canon T. W. PERRY. J. HILTON, Esq.

Rev. C. Wyatt Smith. G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.

EDWARD THORNTON, Esq.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:

General Fund	•				£3	933)	(2000
General Fund Mission Building	s Fu	nd				56 }	£3909
"R. M. Fund"							
Hine Legacy							

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, G. Alan Lowndes, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9226.—Broughton, in the parish of Brymbo, near Wrexham. Dio. S. Asaph.—Deferred.

2.—No. 9241.—SOUTHWICK, S. COLUMBA, near Sunderland. Dio. Durham.—The population of this district is 5000. The want of Church accommodation is a great difficulty to contend with; the room licensed for Divine service only holds 130 people, and its position is undesirable, being an upstairs room over a pawnbroker's shop. To work the parish with three clergy and so small accommodation entails an otherwise unnecessary multiplication of services, and therefore waste of power. The present income is £200, but when the Church is built will be £300. The Church will seat 771 persons, all sittings free. Estimated cost, £5850. Applicant, Rev. W. B. Hornby; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£200 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9234.—HARLOW, S. MARY MAGDALENE. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church was built A.D. 1834, assisted with a grant of £250 from this Society; repaired substantially in 1884, and the building is in a good state of preservation. The parish is small and agricultural, but the Church does not afford sufficient room for those who come to worship. Estimated cost, £846. Applicant, Rev. H. Elwell; Architect, Mr. Ewan Christian, London.—£30 voted.

4.-No. 9248.-LITTLE DRIFFIELD. Dio. York.-Withdrawn.

5.—No. 9227.—MILTON ABBAS, near Blandford. Dio. Sarum.—Deferred.

6.-No. 9242.-Pewsey, S. John Baptist. Dio. Sarum.-This Church was built

A.D. 1220, enlarged in 1824, assisted by a grant from this Society; partially repaired in 1852. The building is now very dilapidated. Galleries holding 86 people, and counted in the present accommodation, are to be removed. This is a very pcor parish, no resident gentry, the largest landowner being St. Thomas's Hospital. Estimated cost, £3075. Applicant, The Hon. and Rev. B. P. Bouverie; Architect, Mr. Ponting, Lockeridge, Marlborough.—£40 voted.

7.—No. 9240.—SHELDWICH, near Faversham. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church was built in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and partially repaired in 1851. The present arrangement of the Church is exceedingly inconvenient, twenty-four sittings much interfering with the decent celebration of Divine service. Their removal into the body of the Church necessitates an enlargement, which is otherwise desirable. There is a group of houses near this Church whose inhabitants, though in another parish, use this Church regularly. Forty-one additional seats will be gained. Estimated cost, £2095. Applicant, Rev. B. S. Malden; Architect, Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn, London.—£35 voted.

8.—No. 9247.—SPARHAM, near Reepham. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1300; it is a fine and interesting specimen of East Anglican architecture. In its present state it requires very considerable renovation to render it more fit for Divine service, and also to prevent parts of the building from becoming little short of dangerous; the north aisle and nave roof timbers are in so rotten and decayed a state as to threaten at any moment to be dislodged from their places. The south aisle roof, the flooring, and the seating, and the restoration of the tower and porch, are not allowed for in the present estimate: these extra works will cost £600 to carry out. Fifty-eight seats will be added. Estimated cost, £917. Applicant, Rev. G. Yonge; Architect, Mr. H. J. Green, Norwich.—£25 voted.

9.—No. 9246.—YARNSCOMBE, near Barnstaple. Dio. Exeter.—This is an interesting old Church. The walls are good, but the roofing (woodwork) is in a deplorable condition, as also are the wretched old pews and the flooring. It is almost the only Church left in North Devon a disgrace to the county. It has taken five years to get together the £315 promised. The parish is very poor indeed. Twenty-nine seats will be added. Estimated cost, £850. Applicant, Rev. J. B. Singleton; Architects, Messrs. Gould and Webb, Barnstaple.—£50 voted.

III. Mission Buildings.

10.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS, near Pontefract. Dio. York.—Deferred.

II.—M.B.F., No. 669.—GLOUCESTER, S. PAUL.—Deferred.

12.—M.B.F., No. 667.—GRAIG, in the parish of Llanpumpsaint. Dio. S. David's.—The district in which this building is to be erected has a population of 350 inhabitants; the nearest Church (the parish Church) is more than two and a half miles distant. The parish is a very poor one, and little pecuniary help can be obtained; the haulage will be done gratis, and already not less than twenty-five farmers and labourers have been engaged several days in preparing the site without any remuneration. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board strongly recommend this case for a Grant, as a Mission-room is urgently needed at that point. The building will hold 68, and will cost £310. Applicant, Rev. J. Lloyd.—£15 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 668.—PRINCES GATE, in the parish of Lampeter Velfrey, near Narberth. Dio. S. David's.—The district where this building is to be erected is distant three miles from the nearest Church; there is a population of 150 residing there. The owner of the house (a working man) in which Cottage Lectures for the past two years have been held, has given the site. Haulage of materials is given,

and the stone supplied at half price. It will hold 70 persons, and will cost \pounds 100. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a Grant.—

Applicant, Rev. D. Pugh Evans. -£10 voted.

14.—M.B.F., No. 670.—WOONTON, in the parish of Almeley, near Eardisley. Dio. Hereford.—Advantage has been taken of an opportunity which has recently presented itself of acquiring a small piece of land, admirably suited for the purpose, on which it is now proposed to erect a Mission-room for the purpose of holding weekday meetings, and a third service on Sunday. As there are several smaller hamlets of Almeley within walking distance, it is hoped that the proposed building will be of considerable service to the inhabitants. It will hold 95, and the cost is estimated at £250. Applicant, Rev. R. 11. Warner.—£10 voted.

15.—M.B.F., No. 673.—THE GOOD SHEPHERD, in the parish of S. Philip's, Dalston. Dio. London. This Mission-church will be in the midst of small houses, all of which are inhabited by two or three families. The inhabitants of the district number 1000, all of the very poor. Part of the building will be used as a Sunday-school, for mother's meetings, &c. It will hold 160, and the cost is estimated at

£2000. Applicant, Rev. F. Cox.—£25 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of	Grants	i.			Diocese.			Amount.
	I				Durham			£20
:	I				Chichester			250
:	I				Llandaff			15
	I				Newcastle			80
	I				S. Alban's			200
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These grants were voted from the Fund as follows:--

7	•	•	General Fund	•		. £685
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A Meeting of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, June the 21st, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present-H. GERARD HOARE, Esq., Treasurer, in the Chair.

LORD ADDINGTON.

Rev. C. F. NORMAN.

Rev. CANON T. W. PERRY.

Rev. C. WYATT SMITH.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W.

WINDSOR-CLIVE.

C. T. ARNOLD, Esq.

J. G. TALBOT, Esq., M.P.

J. G. TALBOT, Esq., M.P.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were :-

General Fund					$\begin{cases} £3611 \\ . & 41 \end{cases} £3655$
Mission Building	s Fu	nd	-		. 41 5 25055
"R. M. Fund"					. 172
Hine Legacy					. 1054

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, G. Alan Lowndes, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9226.—Broughton, in the parish of Brymbo, near Wrexham. Dio. S. Asaph.—The Church at Brymbo is both inaccessible to the bulk of the population, and is wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of the parish. The Broughton District, which will consist of a large portion of the township with a part of the parish of Gwersyllt, is very compact, being a mile long, and three-quarters of a mile wide. It contains a population of 2500 souls, most of whom are colliers, and, owing to the bad times, are unable to render much assistance. The Parish Church is fully a mile and a half distant from them, and can only be reached by a very rugged and hilly road. The new Church will accommodate 340 persons, all seats free. The estimated cost is £1890. It will be a chapel-of-ease. Applicant, Rev. H. Roberts; Architect, Mr. H. Davies, Wrexham.—£50 voted.

2.—No. 9217.—NORTHAMPTON, S. PAUL. Dio. Peterborough.—Although the present population of the district is estimated at 5000 only, it is steadily increasing, and in a few years will probably be very considerable, having regard to the extensive area of land now in the market for building purposes. The Church will be seated for 600, all seats free. Estimated cost £5350. Applicant, E. M. Browne, Esq.; Architect, Mr. W. H. Holding, Northampton.—£200 voted.

3.—No. 9224.—ROCKWELL GREEN, in the parish of Wellington. Dio. Bath and Wells.—The parish of Wellington has a population of 7000, of which 2000 are cut off from town in feeling as much as situation. These people are scattered at the west end of the parish in several distinct hamlets, the largest of which is Rockwell Green, containing over 1000 souls. The Parish Church is a mile and a half from the nearest point of the intended district, and three miles from the most distant. The people are all of the working class, with a few small shop-keepers and farmers. There is not in the whole district any resident minister of any denomination; nor any place of worship where the services and teaching of the Church of England are set before the people. Accommodation will be provided for 453, all seats free. The estimated cost is £2985. Applicant, F. T. Elworthy, Esq.; Architect, Mr. J. H. Spencer, Taunton.—£150 voted.

4.—No. 9256.—Walworth, S. John's College Mission. Dio. Rochester.—The members of S. John's College, Cambridge, founded this mission in 1884; the work has been solidly successful. A congregation has been gathered together which is now ripe for a Church. The present Mission Building has to be given up after Michaelmas, 1889. It has become a necessity to build a Church. Upwards of £400 are collected annually from members of the College for the support

of the mission work, and also personal help is given in many ways. The Bishop of Rochester strongly urges the building of this Church. The Church will be seated for 500, all seats free. Estimated cost, £3520. Applicant, Rev. F. Watson; Architect, Mr. Ewan Christian, London.—£70 voted.

*** This sum was the largest possible under Rule XXXIII.

5.-No. 9253.-WEST HARTLEPOOL, S. AIDAN. Dio. Durham.-Deferred.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9245.—BLACKAWTON, S. MICHAEL. Dio. Exeter.—This Church was built A.D. 1300. New roofs to nave and aisles and new windows have just been added at a cost of £480. The whole floor and all the seats (which are square pews) are much out of repair. The seating especially should be more suited to the accommodation of farm-labourers. The present application is for the reseating. The estimated cost is £270. Applicant, Rev. D. S. Chater; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£45 voted (chiefly from Hine's Legacy for Devonshire Churches).

7.—No. 9251.—Guist, S. Andrew, near East Dereham. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1100. There are no records of any repairs, and the building is very dilapidated. The repair of the nave, roof, and walls, together with the new seating and arcade, will be undertaken in the first instance; and when funds are forthcoming the new aisle and vestry will be built. The estimated outlay is £867. Applicant, Rev. J. N. Spurgeon; Architect, Mr. H. J. Green,

Norwich.-£25 voted.

8.—No. 8977.—KINGSBURY, S. ANDREW. Dio. London.—This is one of the most ancient and interesting Churches in England and is of Saxon origin, but so terribly dilapidated that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners closed it. The inhabitants are mostly of the poorer classes employed by the Metropolitan Railway. The estimated cost of the repairs and reseating is £1100. Applicant, Rev. J. R. Mills; Architects, Messrs. Newman and Newman, London.—£35 voted.

9.—No. 9227.—MILTON ABBAS, S. JAMES, near Blandford. Dio. Salisbury.—

Deferred.

10.—No. 9247.—MORNINGTHORPE, S. JOHN. Dio. Norwich.—This Church was built A.D. 1300, partially repaired in 1826. The building is in a very bad state, especially the roof and windows. The estimated outlay is £825. Applicant, Rev.

E. D. Ford; Architect, Mr. H. J. Green, Norwich. £25 voted.

This Church was built from A.D. 1100 to AD. 1470, and repaired in 1839. Although the general fabric is sound and in no apparent danger of decay, yet the seating arrangements are inconvenient and very bad: the front seats are high box pews, whilst the back ones where the poor have to sit are bare, mean, open benches; and the insufficient provision for heating makes it very cold. The floor under the seats being earth makes the Church exceedingly damp. The cold and the bad seats together prove a great hindrance to the people coming to church. It is proposed to carry out the work by instalments, the first to comprise the floor, heating, seats, roof of nave, the estimate for which is £770. Thirty additional seats will be provided. The estimate for the whole work is £940. Applicant, Rev. J. G. K. Baskett; Architect, Mr. Ponting, Lockeridge, Marlborough.—£40 voted.

12.—No. 9244.—OWERSBY, S. MARTIN, near Market Rasen. Dio. Lincoln.—This Church was built A.D. 1736 on an older site; the former Church was blown down. The diminution in the number of sittings provided by the proposed arrangement, as compared with the present, is accounted for by the removal of a

gallery holding thirty-two persons, and some of the seats are only I ft. Io in from back to front. The parish is wholly agricultural and a very poor one. There are two Methodist chapels in the village; the majority of the inhabitants are Dissenters. The estimated cost is £253. Applicant, Rev. C. Moon; Architect, Mr. M. H. Eyton, Ipswich.—£15 voted.

13.—No. 9264.—SUTCOMBE, S. ANDREW, near Holsworthy. Dio. Exeter.—This Church was built A.D. 1300. The chancel was repaired in 1879; the building is now in a bad state of repair. The parish consists entirely of farmers and labourers, and a great deal of the land is in Chancery. Little assistance is received from landowners. Estimated outlay, £1200. Applicant, Rev. R. Davies; Architect, Mr. R. Medley Fulford, Exeter.—£100 voted (chiefly from Hine's Legacy).

14.—No. 9250.—TEVERSHAM, ALL SAINTS, near Cambridge. Dio. Ely.—This Church was built A.D. 1200, repaired in 1863 at a cost of £530. In addition to the repairing and reseating, heating and draining of the Church, other alterations, viz. a new porch, restoring the chancel screen, fixing a screen at west end to form a vestry, these works are sanctioned in the Faculty and will be proceeded with as soon as funds permit. Estimated cost, £1131. Applicant, Rev. C. B. Drake; Architects, Messrs. St. Aubyn and Wadling, London.—£25 voted.

15.—No. 9259.—Westminster, S. Mary's, Tothill Fields. Dio. London.—This Church was built a.d. 1835, assisted by a grant of £500 from this Society. The district of S. Mary's is very poor, the population consisting almost entirely of the poorest classes. The Church is now provided with pews and open benches: the former are stiff, straight-backed, and uncomfortable; the latter cannot be counted as sittings, being below the standard in every respect. The internal arrangements of the Church require reconstruction, if it is to afford suitable accommodation for the parishioners and for the reverent performance of Divine service. The resources of the parish are quite inadequate to carry out the improvements proposed. The estimated outlay is £1050. Applicant, Rev. J. Macarthur; Architects, Messrs. J. G. Micklethwaite and Somers Clarke, London.—£60 voted.

16.—No. 9186.—WOODFORD, S. MARY. Dio. S. Albans.—This Church was rebuilt in 1817. The pews are of all manner, sizes, and shapes, and facing different ways. The points deserving of attention are, the enlargement and reseating of the Church, by which 183 sittings will be gained, the repair of the fabric, and a better system of warming and ventilation. All the additional sittings will be free and unappropriated, in addition to £300 provided by the Act of Parliament (under which the Church was rebuilt in 1817). These last sittings are many of them simply open benches put against the wall. Estimated cost, £3000. Applicant, Rev. A. Hughes; Architect, Mr. W. O. Milne, London.—£80 voted.

II. FURTHER AID.

17.—No. 7737.—HYTHE, S. LEONARD. Dio. Canterbury.—The outlay on this Church proved more costly than was anticipated, as the north wall of the chancel was found to be so dilapidated that it had to be rebuilt. An addition of £60 to the grant of £40, still unpaid, was voted.

III. MISSION BUILDINGS.

18.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS, near Pontefract. Dio. York.—Deferred.

19.—M.B.F., No. 669.—GLOUCESTER, S. PAUL. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—Deferred.

20.—M.B.F., No. 674.—HALTON, in the parish of Whitkirk, near Leeds. Dio. Ripon.—Deferred.

21.—M.B.F., No. 675.—ARKLEY, in the parish of Chipping Barnet. Dio. S. Albans.—This district contains a population of 600 people; it is a mile and a half from the Parish Church. The building, which was formerly a proprietary chapel, will be consecrated and made a Chapel-of-ease to the Parish Church. The present effort is to make a thoroughly church-like place of it and to fit it up substantially. The estimated cost is £200. Applicant, Rev. D. W. Barrett.—£25 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

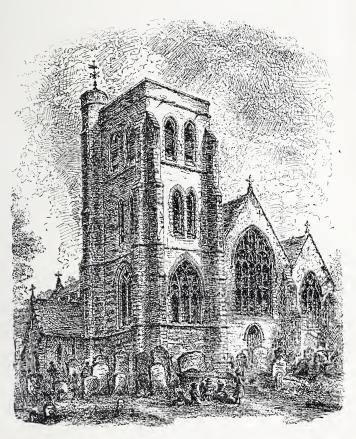
No	of Gr	ants		Diocese.				Amount.
110	I			Canterbury				£100
	2			London				90
	I			Bath and W	ells			150
	ĭ			Ely .			.•	25
	2			Exeter.			•	145
	I			Lincoln.				15
	2			Norwich	•			50
	1			Peterboroug	gh			200
	I			Rochester				70
	2			S. Albans				105
	I			Salisbury				40
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

15		General Fund		£910
I		Mission Buildings Fund		25
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Herne Church, Kent.

THE Church of Herne, dedicated to S. Martin of Tours, is in the northern part of the County of Kent, six miles from Canterbury and two miles south of Herne Bay. It consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel, north and south chantry chapels, and tower at the north-west angle.



S. MARTIN'S CHURCH, HERNE, KENT.



The present Church dates from the latter part of the fifteenth century, but there is undoubted evidence of the existence of a much earlier Church on the same site, and some of its stones, of Norman date, may be seen in the walls of the porch and in the west front of the present nave.

One of the most imposing features of this Church is its massive fourteenth-century tower, built of stone and faced flint, the oldest part now remaining. Its staircase is considered by Brandon to be "very elegant."

The porch, which is on the north side of the church, immediately adjoining the tower, is curious from the fact that it is not at right angles to the walls of the Church, but is considerably inclined to the eastward. It contains two stoups for Holy Water, one on each side of the entrance; and besides the remains of the old Norman Church already mentioned it has a piece of the old porch cross built into the front wall, just above the entrance doorway.

The baptistery, which is formed by the lower stage of the tower, open to the Church, is full of architectural beauty and interest. The groined roof, the characteristic corbel heads, the large west window of early decorated work, the north window (remarkable as having double cuspings in the tracery), the arches with their fine mouldings and clustered shafts, and last, but not least, the font itself, are all worthy of particular notice.

The font formerly stood at the west end of the nave, and is of corresponding date; it is octagonal in form, with panelling and shields round the bowl, and its pedestal is enriched by delicate tracery. Two of the shields, bearing the arms of Henry IV. and Archbishop Arundel respectively, enable us to fix the date of the font as between 1396 and 1414.

At the eastern end of the north aisle is a fine old screen, which separates the aisle from the north chantry or Milles' Chapel. As the top of this screen bears traces of a Rood-loft, it may have been the original Rood-screen, which occupied the place of the modern chancel-screen.

The nave is very wide, and, together with the north and south aisles, forms an exact square. It has on the north side four

pointed arches, including that of the tower, and five on the south.

An interesting feature in the Church is the north chantry, generally known as the Milles' Chapel from the fact that some of the most distinguished ancestors of this family are buried within it. It was, however, formerly a double chapel, with two altars, dedicated to S. John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary respectively.

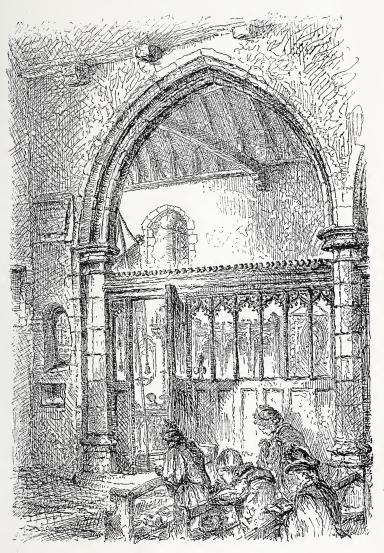
Considerable repairs have from time to time been carried out in the Church, but the roofs are still in a very bad condition, needing immediate attention.

The account of this Church and the illustrations have been taken from "Memorials of Herne," by the Rev. J. R. Buchanan, Vicar, published by Elliot Stock.

Church Extension in the Metropolis.

Much interesting information with regard to the progress of Church building in the metropolis, and the formation of new parishes during the reign of Queen Victoria, will be found in a small volume lately published by Messrs. Rivington and written by the Rev. W. Walsh, Secretary to the London Diocesan Home Mission. This little book professes to give a short account of the "Progress of the Church in London during the last fifty years," and it shows that whilst there has been an enormous increase of the population of the metropolis since the accession of Queen Victoria, what may be regarded as a proportionate increase has been effected in the number of Churches, Clergy, and endowed parishes, within the same area.

It is stated in the preface that, exclusive of the City Churches, 260 Churches and Chapels, of which only about 170 were parochial, represented the accommodation afforded for a population of about 1,800,000 in 1837, and that in the Jubilee year about 720 Churches, almost all of which had legal parishes assigned to them, supplied accommodation to an aggregate population of about 4,000,000. The number of



NORTH CHANTRY OR MILLES' CHAPEL, HERNE CHURCH, KENT.



Clergy, moreover, had been increased to four times the number of those employed in 1837. By what means these great improvements were effected in the parochial organization of the metropolis, and other branches of Church work actively promoted for the religious benefit of the population, are the subjects passed in review in Mr. Walsh's treatise.

A good deal of introductory matter is contained in the early part of the book, showing that the original boundaries of the parishes surrounding London, and gradually absorbed in its area, were of great antiquity; and that previously to the establishment of the Ecclesiastical Commission, new parishes could not, in general, be constituted, except under the authority of special Acts of Parliament. Much greater facilities, however, were provided for the subdivision of overgrown parishes by the appointment of the Ecclesiastical Commission in 1832, to which the function was shortly afterwards assigned, not only of framing schemes for dividing civil parishes into separate ecclesiastical districts, but also of supplying endowments to a large number of new parishes from funds arising from the suppression of many superfluous canonries and sinecure benefices.

The book mentions a few vigorous efforts made previously to the present reign to supply additional Churches in London and its suburbs. Grants of money for this purpose were made by Parliament in the reigns of Queen Anne, George III., and George IV. In 1818 the Society for the Enlargement and Building of Churches in England and Wales was founded, and it was incorporated by Royal Charter about ten years later.

At the time of the accession of Queen Victoria, Bishop Blomfield occupied the see of London, and, through his exertions, the Metropolis Churches Fund had recently been inaugurated, to supply the great and urgent needs of London and its suburbs. Mr. Walsh furnishes a sketch of the work accomplished by that fund, by the Bethnal Green Churches Fund, and by a number of other local funds, to supply additional Churches during the first half of the reign of Queen Victoria. The Metropolis Churches Fund was followed by the London Diocesan Church Building Society in 1854, and that Society, though still existing, has been to some extent superseded

by the Bishop of London's Fund, which was founded in 1863 by Bishop Tait, who had succeeded to the Bishopric of London on the retirement of Bishop Blomfield. This institution was at first intended to last only for ten years, but at the expiration of that period the necessity for its continuance had become so manifest, that it was made perpetual and incorporated under the auspices of Bishop Jackson, who was appointed to the see of London on the elevation of Bishop Tait to the Primacy of England in 1868. Another institution, originated by Bishop Tait, was the London Diocesan Home Mission, instituted for the purpose of supplying Missionary Clergymen to take charge of the most destitute and neglected parts of London. This Society, as well as the Bishop of London's Fund, is still in active operation, and whilst the former has supplied Clergy who have in the last twenty-four years succeeded in procuring the erection of forty-five Churches in their Mission Districts, the latter has during the same period made grants towards the erection of 150 Churches.

Mr. Walsh also furnishes information on the subject of Home Missions and Mission Buildings. No such buildings appear to have existed in the metropolis before the time of Bishop Tait. At the present time various kinds of Mission work are carried on in almost every parish, either in a permanent Mission-hall, erected expressly for that purpose, or at least in some hired rooms temporarily occupied until arrangements can be made for raising a suitable building. This is often much retarded by the difficulty of obtaining a site.

Similar work to that carried on within the Diocese of London is now promoted by the Bishop of Rochester's Fund and the Bishop of St. Albans' Fund, in those parts of the metropolis which are now included in their respective dioceses; but until the year 1867 many of the parishes of the metropolis in Surrey, Kent, and Essex were attached to the see of London.

An appendix at the end of Mr. Walsh's book gives a list of all the Churches within the metropolitan area, except those within the City of London, arranged according to the Rural Deaneries in which they are situated, and showing which of them were built before 1837, and in what year the Churches

erected after that date were consecrated. This affords a convenient conspectus of the principal Church work accomplished in London during the present happy reign, and it shows that in every parish of which the population has been largely augmented during the last fifty years, Christian zeal has been found equal to the task of raising funds sufficient for the erection of more than a proportionate number of new Churches,

Reviews, &c.

The Discipline of Life, by R. G. Dutton (Rivingtons). The author of these brief essays, as we learn from the preface, had but a short career in ministerial life, being called to his rest at an early age; and perhaps the desire to possess some memorial of a promising life soon brought to a close may best account for the publication of this volume by his friends; for, while the subjects treated of are of the first importance, the manner of treating them is far too slight to make the essays of much value—in fact, it seems almost a pity to publish anything on such subjects that is not more fully worthy of the subjects themselves.

The author trusts largely to illustration by anecdote—in fact, some of the chapters are little more than compilations of stories—and quotations from other writers; but the illustrations themselves are not always strikingly forcible.

The Fruit of the Spirit, by Rev. W. C. E. Newbolt (Rivingtons). If all books were as charmingly written as this of Mr. Newbolt's, reviewing would simply become a pleasure. Depth of thought, facility of expression, well-chosen quotations, and scholarly English, all unite to form a most delightful whole.

It is difficult to speak too highly of this little production; the practical lessons with which it abounds are so earnestly, yet so winningly insisted on, the ideas are so striking, and the language so pure, that the reader cannot fail to be fascinated by every page. It is a work to be read and re-read, not merely glanced through and then thrown aside; for many of its pages deal with such deep subjects that they require attentive and prolonged study before the thoughts contained in them can be fully mastered.

The book is divided into ten short addresses, one on each "Fruit of the Spirit," and is enriched by many apt quotations both from sacred and profane literature. The print is clear and good, while the small size of the volume makes it easy to hold in the hand.

The Armour of Light, and other Sermons, by Canon Prothero (Rivingtons). That a man, after seventy years of silence, should offer his first publication to the world, argues at least a rare amount of energy, which it is to be hoped the public will appreciate. This book contains a collection of nineteen sermons on various subjects preached at different times before the Queen, to whom Canon Prothero has acted as Chaplain for many years. In the preface he explains the motives which induced him thus late in life to publish his writings, and acknowledges the great help in revision and preparation received from his son. The sermons are decidedly above the average, both in thoughtfulness and facility of expression. They all deal plainly with the

temptations and trials of ordinary everyday life, and are written in simple vigorous language. Perhaps one passage on the use and abuse of wine (p. 93) would have been better left unwritten, but that is only a very slight blemish in an otherwise excellent treatise. Any one wishing for Sunday reading will hardly find a better or more attractive book than is here offered; while the brevity and conciseness with which the subjects are handled will make it possible for even the busiest to study them as they deserve.

An attractive book is *The Seven Periods of English Architecture*, by Edmund Sharpe, M.A. (Spon). The writer's object is, by presenting a comprehensive view of the history of English Church Architecture from the Heptarchy to the Reformation, to induce the adoption of a new system of nomenclature, which, in his opinion, better defines the different stages which English Architecture has passed through. There is one simple and obvious division of styles which will always retain its place, namely, that which separates buildings in which the *Circular Arch* was exclusively used, from those in which the *Pointed Arch* was used. To the former of these the term Romanesque has been given, to the latter the term Gothic. The term Gothic, as the late Archbishop Trench pointed out in his *Study of Words*, is plainly a misnomer, when applied to a style of architecture which did not come into existence till many centuries after any people called Goths had ceased from the earth; but it has probably become too deep-rooted in our language to give place to a more appropriate word.

Mr. Rickman, who did so much in recent times to revive, after the debased period of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, an interest in and an appreciation of English Architecture, proposed to divide it into four styles, retaining the two divisions above alluded to, but dividing the second into three; thus arranging the whole of the buildings of pointed architecture under three styles or classes, which he denominated "Early English," "Decorated," and "Perpendicular."

Mr. Sharpe retains the two general divisions, but subdivides the former into three, viz. "Saxon," "Norman," "Transitional;" and the latter into four, which he terms "Lancet," "Geometrical," "Curvilinear," and "Rectilinear."

We do not venture to predict how far Mr. Sharpe may succeed in his endeavour to introduce into common use the terms which he proposes; but he certainly has a good deal to support him in his arguments. In his book he traces the development of styles not from small examples, but from a careful study of similar portions of our cathedrals erected at different dates.

The numerous beautifully drawn and executed steel engravings at the end of the volume greatly enhance its value. We are sure that no one can study the book without interest, and the readers of it will probably profit by its perusal.

The Hallowing of Work (Rivingtons), by Dr. F. Paget, is the title of a series of brief addresses given in the chapel of Eton College last January, during a brief retreat, attended by public schoolmasters. They are, as was probably the intention, chiefly remarkable for being suggestive. It is not only public schoolmasters who need such words of depth and love as are here found to raise their thoughts and aims, but we think that many others who may be hard toilers can find help and comfort from these short addresses.

Received with thanks. The Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons). An Address delivered in Westminster Abbey on June 18, the day of the Funeral of Frederick III., late Emperor of Germany, by the Dean of Westminster—brief, but full of pathetic interest. Two sermons on the present work of the Anglican Communion (Rivingtons), by Canon Freemantle.

Quarterly List of Amounts received, from all Sources, in aid of the Church Building Society.

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St. Andrew's, Willesden.

The needs of this new Parish, and our efforts to meet them are as follows—

From little more than 100 souls early in 1880, the population, almost wholly poor, has grown to 5000, and is still very rapidly increasing towards a probable 20,000 or more.

At that earlier date there were no Church, Schools, or other buildings for parochial work, and only one household of Communicants; no funds for providing the needed parochial machinery, nor any residents

who could give any material help.

Through the exertions of a small band of faithful workers, the efforts of our parishioners (whose liberality is generally found to flow most steadily in proportion to the smallness of their means) have been so far supplemented and blessed that we have now built the first portion of

our Church, which was consecrated on June 7, 1887.

We have also built a large Infant School, which is also available for a Mission Church; a large National School for boys; and we have a temporary School for girls. Besides these we have built a High School, and so provided for the education of all classes of our parishioners; and the Vicarage is just completed. These buildings have cost £15,000, towards which £10,000 has been raised.

Our Girls' School is already overflowing, and it is of the utmost importance that we should build a permanent School for them *immediately*. We have also to build the remainder of our Church, an illustration of which, with description, will be found in the Church

BUILDER of July, 1885.

To maintain our large Schools and other machinery now involves a gross annual outlay of some £1400, of which nearly £1000 is paid in salaries; and we rely wholly on the voluntary system with a "free and open" Church.

We have enrolled over 400 Communicants, and have a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist, as well as other services, and a large number

of classes, a Guild, Club, Temperance Society, &c.

Our most urgent needs are as follows-

1. Current Expenditure. 2. Clergy Fund.

3. Building Funds: (i) Schools, (ii) Church, (iii) Vicarage.

Assistance towards any of these will be most gratefully received, and a personal visit (when possible) welcomed by

J. ARTHUR RAWLINS, Vicar.
HERBERT A. MOORE, Assistant Curate.
J. J. HANBURY, Churchwardens.
G. CUMNER,

All Cheques should be made payable to "S. Andrew's, Willesden," and crossed on the L. and S.W. Bank, Kilburn.

Our Bishop kindly allows us to add—

"I am glad to bear testimony to the excellence of the work described, and to recommend it earnestly to all. "F. LONDIN."



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, July the 19th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

The Right Hon. LORD ADDINGTON.
Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke.
Rev. C. A. Jones.
Rev. C. Wyatt Smith.
John Boodle, Esq.
Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W.
Windsor-Clive.

James Hilton, Esq.
Athelston Riley, Esq.
F. H. Rooke. Esq.
J. G. Talbot, Esq., M.P.
Edward Thornton, Esq.
Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston,
Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9239.—Broadbottom, S. Mary Magdalene, in the parish of Mottram in Longendale. Dio. Chester.—The licensed schoolroom is entirely inadequate to the requirements of the district, as there is no provision for the ministrations of the Sacraments, and the approach to it is bad. The site which is given is an eligible one, and will be conveyed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as soon as the funds will justify

the commencement of the work. Estimated cost, £3750. Accommodation will be provided for 333; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. J. R. C. Miller; Architect, Mr. W. H. Lowder, Hyde, Manchester.—£30 voted.

** This was the largest sum that could be granted under Rule XXXIII.

2.—No. 9278.—GILLINGHAM, S. BARNABAS, near Chatham. Dio. Rochester.—Within the last ten years an unprecedented increase of population has taken place within the district of S. Barnabas from in 1878 of 250, to in 1888 about 4000. A mission-room and missioner in full work, and a strong Church feeling is being created. The secularists, and a strange sect known as the Jezreelites, are trying hard to obtain a footing, and as they have plenty of money at their back have to be strongly opposed. The new Church is designed to hold 700; all seats free. The estimated cost is £8000. Applicant, Rev. W. H. Robins; Architects, Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, London.—£175 voted from the "R.M. Fund."

3.—No. 9276.—LINTHORPE, S. BARNABAS, in the parish of S. John's, Middlesborough. Dio. York.—This district is formed out of three parishes; two of the Parish Churches are situated at long distances from Linthorpe. A site has been secured in a central and convenient position for the inhabitants of the proposed new parish. There is at present a small Mission Chapel which is totally inadequate for the present congregation, and as the population is rapidly increasing the need for further Church accommodation is most imperative. The accommodation in the new Church will be for 751; all seats free. Estimated cost, £4815. Applicant, Rev. J. W. Dales; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£100 voted.

4.—No. 9273.—Newton Moor, S. Stephen, in the parish of Newton in Mottram. Dio. Chester.—This parish is about three miles and a half in length, and three-quarters of a mile in breadth. The population was originally concentrated in its southern portion, where a Church was built in 1839, but for many years past the population around this Church has diminished, and largely increased in the direction of the proposed new Church, where it now amounts to about 4000. An iron Mission Chapel has been for some time regularly used for School and Church services, but is now quite inadequate to the demands of the district. The upper part of the tower is not to be built at present. The estimated cost is £5775. The Church will be seated for 506 persons; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. F. Messenger; Architects, Messrs. Eaton and Sons, Ashton-under-Lyne.—£30 voted.

** This was the largest amount possible under Rule XXXIII.

5.—No. 9112.—WOODSIDE, S. STEPHEN, in the parish of Cinderford, near Newnham. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This district was taken out of several surrounding parishes and assigned in 1880. There is a temporary Church, formerly the National Schoolroom, now used as a Sunday School; seats and benches have to be rearranged at great inconvenience for Divine Service. The temporary Church is often full; more inhabitants would attend the permanent Church if erected on the convenient site selected. The new Church will hold 534; all seats free. Estimated cost, £2640. Applicant, Rev. C. W. Houlston; Architect, Mr. E. H. L. Barker, Hereford.—£25 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9268.—Broughton, All Saints, near Huntingdon. Dio Ely.— his interesting Parish Church dates from a very early period, there being a remarkably fine early Norman font, which seems to indicate that the foundation of the Church dates from about A.D. 1100. This was replaced by an Early English building, of which there are some remains. The Early English Church was again reconstructed

in the Decorated time, to which style most of the earlier work has given place. It was partially repaired thirty years back, and the building both inside and out is very dilapidated. Ninety-eight seats will be added. Estimated cost, £1800. Applicant, Rev. G. Johnston; Architect, Mr. W. O. Milne, London.—£25 voted.

7.—No. 9272.—DWYGYFYLCHI, S. GWYNAN'S, near Penmaenmawr. Dio. Bangor.
—The condition of this Church demands immediate attention. The present building is situated in one of the most beautiful spots in North Wales, about I¹/₄ miles from Penmaenmawr. It was erected in 1760, in the dark ages of ecclesiastical architecture, and occupies the site of an ancient cruciform Church, of which unhappily no traces can be found. The majority of the population are dependent upon two stone quarries in the parish. Estimated cost, £1060. Applicant, Rev. J. A. Howell; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.—£40 voted.

8.—No. 9269.—Radnage, S. Mary, near Tetsworth. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built A.D. 1225, restored and enlarged in 1330. The building is now very bad, except the chancel roof, which has been restored. Settlements exist in all walls; some walls overhang their base. This Church was probably built by the Knights Templars to whom the manor was first granted. It was repaired and possibly widened during the Decorated period. Estimated outlay, £955. Applicant, Rev. R. Agassiz; Architect, Mr. A. M. Mowbray, Oxford.—£30 voted.

9.—No. 9258.—WYKE, S. PAUL. Dio. Winchester.—Deferred.

10.—No. 9275.—Westbury-Leigh, The Holy Saviour's, in the parish of Westbury. Dio. Salisbury.—The plans for this Church were approved and sealed by the Society in August, 1876, but for some reason no grant was asked for. In 1877 the Church was begun as a Chapel of Ease, but the building was suspended for want of funds. When the choir and nave were finished, the foundations of the aisle had been built and half the tower. The Church will be consecrated as soon as completed. Estimated cost, £900. Accommodation now increased by 78 seats. Applicant, Rev. W. P. S. Bingham; Architect, Mr. W. White, London.—£40 voted.

III. FURTHER AID.

II.—No. 8974.—BRILL, ALL SAINTS, near Thame. Dio. Oxford.—The Rev. W. E. Glascott, the new vicar of Brill, asks that less costly plans (now presented) may be passed, in lieu of those approved and sealed in March, 1885, when a grant of £40 was voted. The Parish is a very poor one, a large number of the inhabitants being paupers. The work required to be done will cost £2200; there is still a large deficiency in the funds.—£10 added, making £50 in all.

12.—No. 8770.—LOWER DOVERCOURT, S. AUGUSTINE, near Harwich. Dio. S. Alban's.—S. Augustine's Church has been completed, as far as it is proposed to go, at a cost of £1000. There is still a deficiency of £450. In November, 1882, the sum of £150 was voted, £100 of which have been paid, leaving the £50 now to be paid. Applicant, Rev. T. G. Collier.—£25 added.

IV. Mission Buildings.

13.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS, near Pontefract. Dio. York.—Deferred.

14.—M.B.F., No. 669.—GLOUCESTER, S. PAUL. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—There will be no special district attached to the Mission Room, which will be situated in the poorest part of the parish. The building is to be used for Sunday School, Bible Classes, Missionary Meetings, &c. There will be a platform at one end with

a prayer-desk, lectern, and harmonium. Estimated cost, £542. To seat 200.

Applicant, Rev. W. H. S. Davies .- £25 voted.

15—M.B.F., No. 674.—HALTON, in the parish of Whitkirk, near Leeds. Dio. Ripon.—This Mission Building is for the use of a population of from 1200 to 1600 people, some of them residing a mile and a half from the Parish Church. The building is to be used for Divine service and also for mothers' meetings, Bible classes, &c. It is designed to hold 150. The estimated cost is £200. Applicant, Rev. G. M. Platt.—£10 voted.

16.—M.B.F., No. 672.—Kempston, S. Stephen. Dio. Ely.—This Mission Building is erected in a district where there are 1449 inhabitants and rapidly increasing. The Parish Church is two miles distant. It is used for Church purposes only, and is furnished for administration of the Sacraments. Estimated cost, £400.

It will seat 250 persons. Applicant. Rev. A. Whitmarsh.—£20 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 681.—Kenfig Hill, S. Theodore, in the parish of Tythegston, near Bridgend. Dio. Llandaff.—The new Mission Church at Kenfig Hill is to be erected in the centre of a population of 1500, and is distant three miles and a half from the Parish Church. Fifty years ago the place was almost uninhabited. There is no Church of any description, but Divine service has been held in a schoolroom, and a good congregation brought together. A Mission Church is urgently needed in this outlying portion of the parish. There are six Dissenting places of worship in the district. Estimated cost, £800. To hold 152 persons. It will be a permanent Hamlet Chapel. Applicant, Rev. J. B. Davies.—£50 voted.

18.—M.B.F., No. 679.—LEAMORE. S. JOHN, in the parish of Blakenhall Heath, near Walsall. Dio. Lichfield.—There is a population of 5000 people in this parish, all of the working class and many of them very poor. The parish is scattered; three Mission School Churches have been erected in different parts. This building urgently needs enlarging, for which aid is now sought. It will hold 300; and the cost is

estimated at £320. Applicant, Rev. J. Pritchard.—£20 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 680.—LEYTONSTONE, S. AUGUSTINE. Dio. S. Alban's.—The district in which it is intended to build this Mission Church, which is much needed, is distant one mile from the Parish Church, and contains a population of nearly 3000 inhabitants, mostly of the poorer class. Leytonstone is becoming quite poor, whereas it used to be a well-to-do parish. It is now very difficult to raise the money for this building. The estimated cost is £650; and accommodation will be provided for 200. Applicant, Rev. W. J. Bettison.—£30 voted.

20.—M.B.F., No. 390.—FRATTON ROAD, S. MARY, in the parish of Portsea. Dio. Winchester.—This is an application for enlarging a Mission Hall built in 1880, assisted by a grant of £40 from this Society. New streets are constantly rising in the neighbourhood, and enlargement is an absolute necessity if the work of Christ's Church is to be done. The inhabitants are almost wholly of the working classes. The cost is estimated at £1030. The building will hold 400. Applicant, Rev.

Canon Jacob. -£30 voted.

21.—M.B.F., No. 667.—Dane Bridge, S. Paul's, near Northwich. Dio. Chester.—The site on which this building is to be erected is let from year to year, but the owner promises that the building and site shall always be secured for the Church. For the past three years a cottage has been hired, but is now too small for the requirements of the district, in which there is a population of 1000 inhabitants. The building is to be used for Mothers' Meetings, Sunday School, and night school, with an evening week-night service. Estimated cost, £130. It will seat 120 persons. Applicant, Rev. D. Waller.—£10 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of G	rants.		Diocese.				Amount.
I			York .				£100
I			Winchester				30
1			Bangor .				40
2			Chester.				60
2			Ely .				45
2			Gloucester	and	Bristol		50
I			Lichfield				20
I			Llandaff				50
2			Oxford .				80
I			Ripon .				10
I			Rochester				175
2			S. Alban's				105
I			Salisbury				40
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

10		General Fund .			£445
7		Mission Buildings	Fund		185
I		R.M. Fund .	•		175
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Taration of Charities.

THE following letter from the pen of the Rt. Hon. Lord Addington, which appeared in the *Times* of August 28th, 1888, sets forth in a very clear manner the novel action of the authorities of the Inland Revenue Department in refusing to refund—as had been done for upwards of forty years—the income-tax charged on the annual income of the invested funds of this Society, as well as on those of other Charitable Institutions.

SIR,—England is distinguished for her charities. Scarcely will be found a human want or pain which active charity is not

prepared to supply or mitigate. Wise legislation has recognized the social value of charity, and has hitherto carefully protected its exercise and the integrity of its funds. The principle of fostering charity has been conspicuously displayed in its exemption from taxation generally, and specifically from the incidence of the income-tax. Dating, however, from the autumn of 1887, an entirely new line has been in this respect pursued by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, who, in reply to the habitual application for the restitution of income-tax to charities whose receipts had been previously charged, required fresh statements of claims for reconsideration. To this procedure no objection need be raised; time may have wrought changes in the appropriation of charitable funds which disentitled them from the exemption they had previously enjoyed. It is not, therefore, of the investigation of charity funds that I complain; it is to the course subsequently adopted by the Commissioners to which I invite attention.

Hundreds of charities are interested in this matter and thousands of yearly income are involved, but the question will easily be understood when illustrated by the case of a single society—that of the Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels—brought to my notice as a Vice-President of the Society by the secretary. For the first time in October, 1887, the Board of Inland Revenue, having had under consideration the Society's claim for repayment of income-tax, declined to return it upon the plea (letter October 24)—

"That section 88 of the Act of 1842 commences by exempting all dividends chargeable under schedule C. which are applicable to charitable purposes, and then proceeds to enact a further exemption in favour of dividends chargeable under schedule C. which are applicable to the repairs of places of Divine worship—the obvious inference (Mr. Cousins submits) is that the repair of churches is not a charitable purpose within the meaning of the Income-tax Acts, and the Board are advised that the specific exemption in favour of church repairs, following immediately, as it does, the exemption in favour of charitable purposes, is sufficient to show that such purposes as the enlargement and building of churches and chapels do not fall within either of these exemptions."

Reminded that the exemption has been admitted for forty-five years, the Inland Revenue reply that they have only now

discovered the defects of title. I propose to examine their argument.

The 88th section of the Act of 1842 is entitled "Stock of Charitable Institutions Exempted," and it thus recites the exemptions:—

"3. The stock or dividends of any corporation (a), fraternity (b), or society (c), or of any trust (d) established for charitable purposes only—or which . . . shall be applicable by the said corporation (a), fraternity (b), or society (c), or by any trustees (d) to charitable purposes only;" . . .

Thus far the clause agrees with clause 5 in the Act of 1799, and with clause 68 in the Act of 1803; it then proceeds, copying clause 103 in the Act of 1805—

"or the stock or dividends in the names of any trustees applicable solely to the repairs of any cathedral, college, church, or chapel, or any building used solely for the purpose of Divine worship."

The Board of Inland Revenue interpret this last provision as intended to define a particular purpose—that of repairs of churches as entitled to exemption. This interpretation I contest. The object of the provision is not to add to the favoured purposes, but to provide that the charitable purpose of repairing religious buildings shall not suffer from taxation, if it be that it takes effect, not through a "corporation," "fraternity," "society" or "trust," established for charitable purposes, but through the action of two or more individuals entrusted with the custody of a fund raised specifically for the repair of a particular church or chapel, and of such private trusts there must be many created both by Churchmen and Dissenters.

The second portion cited from the 88th section brings into view not a new purpose, but a new channel through which the purpose is to operate.

It has no counterpart in the clause exempting under schedule A. rents devoted to charitable purposes. So that the Inland Revenue could not tax the Church Building Society's rents upon the plea advanced for taxing their dividends—viz. that specially to exempt repair by trustees is to cancel the immunity of a corporation which both repairs and builds.

The Inland Revenue proposed to satisfy the claims of the society so far as they represent their expenditure upon "repairs," but the society declined the compromise, for it bases its claim

not upon the second provision touching private trusts, but upon the earlier provision, which includes the society as a corporation established for charitable purposes.

It may be convenient at this point to refer to the correspondence between the Board of Inland Revenue and the Treasury in 1863 (Return, Charities, 1865, No. 382). Doubts had arisen as to the validity of certain claims for exemption from incometax, and the Board referred the solution of these doubts to the Treasury. "The practice" (says Mr. Timm in 1850) "has been to grant the return of duty in respect of all charitable purposes within the statute of 23 Eliz., cap. 4." This opinion, adopted by the department, became its rule until in 1856 the question arose, Was a trust conveying rents of lands at Richmond applied in aid of the Poor-rates a charitable trust? The Master of the Rolls pronounced the trust to be charitable and within the meaning of the Charitable Trust Act. Mr. Fuller, acting for the Revenue, refused to admit the claim, and obtained from the Attorney and Solicitor General an opinion disentitling the vestrymen of Richmond to repayment of duty, and thenceforth he acted upon that opinion in all cases of trusts in aid of Poor-rates.

"The relief of public burdens" is one of the branches of charity specified in the preamble of the statute of Elizabeth, and in view of the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General that preamble could no longer be deemed an absolute guide. The Board of Inland Revenue referred, therefore, to the Treasury for instructions—premising that "if we abandon the received interpretation of 'charitable purposes' illustrated by a long series of decisions in Chancery we find ourselves in complete uncertainty as to their meaning."

The Treasury Minute in reply is dated September 30, 1863, and it is most important. It confirms convincingly the opinion of the law officers disqualifying from exemption trusts operating in aid of rates as charitable trusts; but upon the main question of varying the principle which had prevailed since 1843 the Treasury write with reference to the unsatisfactory administration of the income-tax with respect to charities:—

[&]quot;The actual administration of the tax has acquired, it may be held, so much of prescription as ought to stand good at least against any interposition by an authority

purely administrative. . . . The subject is one which should be reserved to be dealt with by the Legislature, and that in the meantime the practice which has hitherto prevailed should be followed, while the Board would do well at the same time to guard as far as may be against any further extension of the inconvenient latitude which already exists."

In this view the Church Building Society can entirely concur, for it harmonizes with their desire that "charitable purposes" should be legally defined with reference to their bearing upon the general welfare of the community.

In this light charity should possess these three notes; it should be (1) spontaneous; (2) beneficent to men's bodies or minds; (3) and should not displace any obligatory agency producing the same results.

Bequests in aid of rates convey no advantage to the objects of relief which are not already supplied by the rates, and they are therefore not entitled to claim immunity from income-tax.

The Board of Inland Revenue adopt a brief and rigid definition of charity from the recent decision of the Scotch Courts in the case of "Baird's Trustees v. Lord Advocate of Scotland."

In delivering his judgment in favour of the Crown, Lord Fraser said:—

"The words 'charitable purposes' in the Income-tax Acts must be interpreted according to their everyday and familiar use. 'Charity' in this sense does not mean goodwill or benevolence or the application of funds to the public utility, or the promotion of learning. It has the restricted sense of liberality to the poor; 'alms,' as given by Dr. Johnson."

Baird's Trustees appealed against this judgment, and in the Division Court these opinions were expressed:—

"LORD PRESIDENT.—Now, my lords, it appears to me that charity and charitable uses have one sense and one only in ordinary and familiar use. Charity is 'relief of

poverty; 'charitable uses is 'relieving poverty.'"

"LORD SHAND.—If charitable uses could be read in the large sense contended for so as to cover the building of churches and include religious purposes generally, the provision exempting funds provided for the repairs of a church would be unmeaning and unnecessary. . . . I conclude that the general exemption in 'charitable uses' does not cover or include building or repair of churches. I think the exemption extends to funds given to relieve physical privation or suffering arising from poverty."

These opinions, coming even from high legal authorities in Scotland, may be respectfully but seriously contested in this country. They rest, it will be observed, on two pleas only.

First upon the authority of Johnson's Dictionary. Second upon the inference that "repair of churches" cannot be a charitable purpose; for if it were it would, being included in the first provision of section 88, subsection 3, not have needed a separate mention.

A reasonable explanation of the separate mention of repairs of churches has been already given. The doctrine of the Inland Revenue, echoed by Lord Shand, involves this absurdity—that the "repair of churches," not being a charity, was singled out from all other good works for fiscal favouritism, and that the building of churches with every other good work not covered by the word "alms" was absolutely ignored.

But Doctor Johnson has been unfairly dealt with. I have been furnished from an early and authentic edition of Johnson's Dictionary with his definition of the word charity:—"I. Tenderness, kindness. 2. Goodwill, benevolence. 3. The theological virtue of universal love. 4. Liberality to the poor. 5. Alms; relief given to the poor."

Alms, we find, occupies the last and lowest place in the series of definitions, and it would be strange indeed to find that eighty-two years after its introduction into Pitt's Income-Tax Acts as a virtue to be fostered and protected, charity could be legislatively degraded to the narrow interpretation of the Scotch Courts.

If it were possible that this calamitous decision took legal efficacy the results would be disastrous, for a grave discouragement would have been inflicted upon the spirit of religious charity, which, exercised for desirable objects which the State could not undertake, has done so much to promote the civilization and well-being of the people of England. It is desirable, however, to understand the view of charities which induced Mr. Gladstone to desire to deprive them of their immunity from income-tax, and I therefore cite a passage from his speech in the Budget debate of the 16th April, 1863:—

[&]quot;It is not fair that the taxpayers of the country—to a very large proportion of whom taxation is, and must be, a serious burden—that the fathers of families, men labouring to support their wives and children, should be taxed at an augmented rate in order to afford the luxury of exemption to bequests for what we term charitable purposes; for, in the main, the property which enjoys this exemption is property

which has been devoted to its present purposes, not during the lifetime of the donor, but on his death-bed, or by his will, and when it was no longer his to enjoy. We doubt the policy of encouraging, at the charge of the public, particular persons to devise methods of thus disposing of their wealth, which may be attended in some cases with much benefit, in others with very little; but which very generally tend to gain credit and notoriety for the individual himself which he probably would not otherwise have enjoyed. As, for example, sometimes by his name posted up in enormous letters; sometimes by appointing bodies of governors, who may meet together at sumptuous banquets, from year to year, in the name of charity, and thus periodically glorify some pious and immortal memory of a founder. . . . We propose, therefore, that the exemption of charities generally shall cease to exist."

If this were a true picture of charities, they would not deserve an advocate, but, as the sense of the House of Commons indicated, it is not a fair or veracious representation. Charities do not usually originate in a vainglorious craving for posthumous renown. All generations, the present century especially, can show gifts for unimpeachable objects made by living men and dictated by a love for their fellow-men learnt from the Divine Author of their faith; but, assuming, with Mr. Gladstone, that the motives to our great charities have been unworthy, his inference would still be inadmissible. Mr. Gladstone speaks of the "income-tax" as if it were a tax on property. It is no such thing; it is a tax on persons according to their ability measured by their incomes. If it were otherwise, there could be no exemptions; but exemptions there have always been from the carliest income-tax of Pitt down to the present time, and these exemptions have been provided on two considerations-the penury of the person, or the merit of the purpose of the funds. Mr. Gladstone would punish the vainglorious donor by taxing the fruits of his bequests; but who would be the real sufferers? Not the departed testator, but those who might profit by his gifts, living or testamentary. The ignorant were to be instructed, the irreligious were to be reclaimed, the sick and suffering were to be relieved, the desolate and the destitute were to be tended or comforted—these are the beneficiaries of charitable purposes, and upon them would fall the penalty of an abstraction by the State from funds which a wise policy should foster and protect.

A curious commentary upon the Scotch definition of "charity" is to be found in the speech of Mr. Gladstone from

which I have already quoted, and in which, citing a Bristol vestryman of long experience, he says:—

"Small charities of from £1 to £6 pauperize the people; they destroy the sense of shame, and the deserving do not get them. The poor people (he adds) spend more time in looking after such gifts than would suffice to gain the same sums by industry. And the very same evidence you may hear from the most judicious clergymen and administrators of alms in other parts of the country."

Quoting from the report of the Poor Law Commissioners in 1861, Mr. Gladstone adopts this passage from page 519:—

"The 'dead hand' of the founder of an annual dole does not distinguish between the year of prosperity among the labouring classes and years of distress; in prosperous years it leads those who are not in need to represent themselves to be so; it holds out annual hopes to improvidence; it more frequently excites jealousy and ill-feeling than goodwill both on the part of the recipients towards the distributors of the charity and among the recipients themselves. For one person who receives substantial benefit from these doles many feel their demoralizing effect."

The Scotch Courts would sanction only such charity as is represented by alms, but Mr. Gladstone denounces alms and doles as the most pernicious of all charities; so to carry out both verdicts would require a clean sweep of all charities from the list of exemption.

The actual position of the question I believe to be this:—The Inland Revenue adopt a definition of charity which would effectively cancel the remission of income-tax on charity revenues, estimated by Mr. Gladstone in 1863 at £3,000,000 annual value.

I do not for a moment dream that the Inland Revenue will effect by a coup de main the spoliation of charities which Mr. Gladstone failed to accomplish by legislation. Scotch Courts, I am informed, do not dictate to English Courts, and the arguments which accompany their decision seem to me wholly untenable. An effective defence for charity will, I doubt not, prevail; but I think it right to submit to you for publication these remarks upon a departmental proceeding threatening institutions in which many of your readers must be deeply interested, and which cannot suffer without entailing serious injury to the civilization of the country.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

24, Prince's Gate.

ADDINGTON.



SAINTS CHURCH, HIGHBROOK, SUSSEX.

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All Saints', Highbrook, Sussex.

THE Church stands on very high ground, not far from Ardingly College, and is visible from a great distance, and from its churchyard may be seen the greater part of the County of Sussex. It is erected in a new district formed out of West Hoatley parish, at the cost of Mrs. Kirby, aided by a liberal donation from Mr. Stephenson Clarke, from whose estate the stone is obtained at a nominal price. This stone is a sandstone of a yellowish colour and of a most durable quality, as is proved by the ancient churches in the neighbourhood. The plan consists of a nave with a chancel of large proportions, a northern aisle, and a tower and spire, the lower storey of which is used for a vestry and for the organ. The spire is covered with shingles, and the roofs with tiles. In the tower is placed a clock with chimes and a carillon on the nine bells, the Jubilee gift of Mr. S. Clarke, all these being carried out by Gillett and Co. The chancel has seven steps to the altar, and the super-altar and reredos are of stone with alabaster and marble inlays. The east window as well as the west windows are filled with stained glass by Clayton and Bell. The designs are by Mr. R. Herbert Carpenter and Mr. Benjamin Ingelow, of 4, Carlton Chambers, Regent Street, and the work has been carried out by a local builder, Mr. Box, of Ardingly, at a cost of about £4000. In addition to this a churchyard wall and oak lichegate have been erected at the cost of Mr. Stephenson Clarke, and the churchyard laid out and planted.

Church Restoration and the Society of Antiquaries of London.

THE following memorandum of the Society of Antiquaries of London has been forwarded to the *Times* by Mr. John Evans, President of the Society. As the tenor of it accords with the principles that have been advocated in this publication, it is here reproduced in the hope that it may meet the eye of some who

are about to engage upon "Church Restoration," and possibly direct their attention to considerations often overlooked:—

"Society of Antiquaries of London.

"At a Council held on Wednesday, the 22nd of February, 1888, the President in the chair, it was resolved that the following memorandum, as drawn up by a special committee, and approved by the council, be read to the society at its next meeting, and be communicated to the Archbishops, Bishops, and Chancellors of dioceses, Deans, Archdeacons, and Rural Deans of the Church of England:—

"CHURCH RESTORATION.

"The destruction of ancient monuments and of interesting architectural remains by the process of modern Church restoration is constantly being brought under the notice of the Society of Antiquaries of London. Although, unfortunately, so much irretrievable mischief has been done that remonstrance may appear too late, the society is desirous of again calling the attention of those having authority in the Church to the needless destruction of relics of the past which has taken place and is still proceeding, and of enlisting, if possible, their sympathy and assistance in checking what all must acknowledge to be an evil.

"It is constantly the case that on visiting a 'restored' Church it is found that monuments and painted glass, of which the existence is recorded in county histories, have not only been removed from their original positions, but are no longer forthcoming; that inscribed slabs from tombs have been used to bridge over gutters or to receive hot-air gratings, or have been covered with tiles; that the ancient fonts have been removed, the old communion tables destroyed, the Jacobean oak pulpits broken up or mounted on stone pedestals, and not infrequently the old and curious communion plate sold. The architectural features and proportions of the Churches have in innumerable instances been modified, especially so far as regards the east windows and the character of the chancels generally.

"The society cannot too strongly insist on the great historical value of our ancient parish Churches, every one of which con-

tains in its fabric the epitome of the history of the parish, frequently extending over many centuries. What would appear to the society to be the duty of the guardians of these national monuments is not to 'restore' them, but to preserve them—not to pretend to put a Church back into the state in which it may be supposed to have been at any given epoch, but to preserve, so far as practicable, the record of what has been its state during all the period of its history.

"The society does not overlook the necessity of adapting the buildings to the wants of the present day, but it contends that the greatest part of the mischief that has been done to our Churches has not added to the convenience of the buildings, which is in no way aided by destroying the more recent portions of a Church and rebuilding them in a style which imitates the older portions, nor by the destruction of furniture and monuments only because they are not of the date which is assumed to be that of the Church. New work done to suit new wants and not pretending to be other than it is, will carry on the building in the same manner as did the old, and the society has no wish to prevent that from being done. It only urges that the ancient record should not be wiped out to make room for the new, nor falsified by making the new a servile imitation of the old. Uniformity of style was very rarely a characteristic of our old Churches, and a part of the building or a piece of furniture in it is to be judged not by its conformity to this or that style, but by its fitness for its place and for the work it has to do.

"It is feared that the use of the word 'restoration' has itself been the cause of much mischief, and has made men think that the destruction of the later features of a building is a gain by itself, and the society therefore urges that these later features of a building is a gain by itself, and the society therefore urges that these later features are just as important in the history of the building as the older, for it is by them that its continuous history is recorded. To replace them by modern imitations of the earlier work not only destroys so much of the record, but discredits what is allowed to remain, by confusing it with that which is not what it professes to be. Now that so much im-

portance is attached to the continuity of the Church from the earliest times, it is well to remember that nothing will bring this home to men's minds so much as the visible evidence of it in the buildings in which they habitually worship.

"The society is aware that in the majority of instances no faculty is granted for the restoration of a Church, so that this legal check upon the destruction of ancient remains has been practically released. It is much to be regretted that this should have been the case, as the application for a faculty would, at all events, give an opportunity for the authorities to insist upon no destruction of ancient work taking place without due inquiry, nor without the written consent of the Bishop. If it be urged that faculties are too costly, some means may probably be devised for lessening their expense, and at the same time increasing the observance of the law under which they are necessary.

"Under any circumstance the society hopes that all possible moral influence will be brought to bear upon the preservation of all objects and features of historical or archæological interest in our sacred edifices.

"The society, in conclusion, would venture to suggest the propriety of impressing upon incumbents and churchwardens that the sale of communion plate without a faculty is illegal. The issue of such faculties would, of course, be carefully guarded, and in some cases it might be desirable to allow of the sale of ancient plate no longer available for use to public museums or depositories where it would be carefully and reverently preserved."

Reviews, Aotices, &c.

THE Rev. N. H. James, in a sermon preached in S. Aidan's, Kilmore, *The Memorial Sacrifice* (Rivingtons), traces in a brief but scholarly manner the Sacrificial aspect of the Holy Eucharist, and in an appendix he gives a valuable catena of quotations from Standard English Divines who have written on the subject.

The Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons), for September, has two valuable papers by the Bishop of Salisbury, on the so-called Jansenist Church of Holland, and

on the Œcumenical position of the Church of England.

Questions on English Church History, by a Lecturer (Rivingtons). It must have taken much time and labour to collect such a mass of information as this book contains.

All the more pity that it should have pleased the author to present it in the dry and uninteresting form of question and answer. There are few people who, unless cramming for an examination, will take the trouble to read anything arranged in this way. The questions begin at the early British Church and end at the year 1883. Instead of chapters the book is divided into centuries. The "Ecclesiastical Annals" of the reigns between Henry VIII. (inclusive) to the Revolution of 1649, will be very convenient for reference, and contain many quaint and out-of-the-way facts in the history of our Church. For any one who is endeavouring to force a couple of years' work into as many months, this volume will be invaluable, as it has an excellent index, and simply states facts, without going into much detail. It is nevertheless not usual to translate "Grosseteste" | y "Groathead," and there seems a certain degree of pedantry in calling Henry VIII.'s minister Cromwell, "Crumwel." Any one who has read Shakspeare's play will hesitate before adopting this variation, even though it may possibly be more correct. Had the book been differently arranged it would have supplied a waut; as it is, it will only be useful to a select few.

Holy Week Addresses, by Aubrey L. Moore (Rivingtons). This is a very difficult book to describe; its sentiments are orthodox and neatly expressed, the words have been carefully chosen, and the reader is left with the impression that the author has spared no pains either in the composition or polishing of his essays. Having allowed so much, there is no more to be said, it is vox et praterea nihil. It maintains a kind of dead level, and neither rises above, nor sinks below mediocrity. In short, it has that fault against which, we are told, the gods themselves strive in vain; it is dull. The statements and arguments are more than true, they partake of the nature of truisms, and after reading it the wonder will arise why such a book should be printed, as it not only contains nothing new, but nothing that has not

already been offered to the public.

The Saviour King, by E. Osborne (Rivingtons). In the present day there are already so many helps to the study of the Bible, that some one may wonder if another can possibly be required. But this is a book written specially for children. It contains a lesson for every Sunday from Advent to Whit Sunday, both inclusive. The chief object seems to be, to show in clear and simple language, the connection between the Old and New Testaments, and on the whole this has been well carried out. Possibly the character of Eli is treated with too great severity, and in one place, surely by a printer's error, "whom" must be read for "who." Also to state bluntly that the world was created 6000 years ago is hardly in accordance with the discoveries of modern science. But taking it all together, it will be a safe and useful little volume for the instruction of young children. Earnest preparation for Confirmation, and frequent receiving of the Eucharist are much insisted on, as well as self-examination and reverent behaviour in Church. There is an outline illustration to every lesson, which will doubtless increase its popularity; also here and there short anecdotes have been skilfully worked in, so as to prevent any dulness or monotony. It is therefore a book likely to be useful to Sunday-school teachers of junior classes who either lack time or inclination for original lessons.

Church Choir Series, Nos. 1, 2, 3 (Marshall Brothers, Paternoster Row). No. I is a carol, "A Child this Day is born," set to music by H. Harford Battley, is tuneful, and is varied with solos for soprano or tenor, and bass voices with chorus harmonized for each verse. No. 2, "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis" in Bb, by Edwin Potter, is a simple setting and will be found an acceptable addition to the library of small church choirs, being both easy and effective. No. 3, "Benedicite, omnia opera," arrange 1 to chants by H. Harford Battley, can be recommended

as likely to b popular.

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Special Appeals.

THE Rev. J. R. BUCHANAN, Vicar of Herne, near Canterbury, will be grateful to any one who will assist him with a contribution, however small, towards paying for a NEW ROOF on the Nave of his Church, which is most urgently needed. The present unsightly lean-to of lath and plaster is so rotten that the rain drips through at every shower. The cost of the New Roof is estimated at £700, of which £230 is promised. This is a pressing case, and there is great difficulty in raising the required sum.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, November the 15th, 1888, at 2 p.m., being the first Meeting of the present Session.

Present—The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE in the Chair.

The Right Hon. LORD ADDINGTON.
The Right Hon. LORD ROBARTES.
H. GERARD HOARE, Esq., Treasurer.
Rev. C. A. JONES.
Rev. G. MILLER.
Rev. C. F. NORMAN.
Rev. Canon T. W. PERRY.
Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W.
WINDSOR-CLIVE.

C. T. Arnold, Esq.
J. F. France, Esq.
A. Powell, Esq.
F. S. Powell, Esq., M.P.
J. G. Talbor, Esq., M.P.
E. Thornton, Esq.
W. E. M. Tomlinson, Esq., M.P.
Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston,
Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. A. Jones, Arthur Powell, Esq., Edward Thornton, Esq., W. E. M. Tomlinson, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9274.—BOOTLE, S. LEONARD, in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill. Dio. Liverpool.—There is no part in the neighbourhood of Liverpool which has

changed so completely as has Bootle. The extension of the great docks, the erection of warehouses, and other causes affecting the labour-market, have produced an enormous influx of population. New houses cover acres which a few years ago were green fields, and almost every available site has been secured for building purposes. The site for this new Church has been most generously (presented by Lord Derby, and is valued at five thousand guineas. Mr. Cookson has given £4000, provided the rest of the necessary funds be raised and expended. The Church is designed to hold 713 persons, 356 seats will be pew-rented. The estimated cost is £6364. Applicant, Rev. J. G. Leigh; Architect, Mr. G. Bradbury, Liverpool.—£30 voted.

*** No larger amount could be granted in this case under Rule XXXIII.

2.—No. 9263.—CARMARTHEN, S. JOHN, in the parish of S. Peter's. Dio. S. David's.—More than half the population of S. Peter's parish are Welsh-speaking. There are four Dissenting chapels in the parish where the services are entirely Welsh. The Church offers no place for the Welsh people to worship in except a schoolroom. There are considerably over 100 communicants and a good congregation at the schoolroom services. There is urgent need of a Welsh church in the parish. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board strongly recommended this application, considering the urgent necessity of providing for the Welsh-speaking population. Estimated cost, £2325. All seats free. Applicant, Rev. A. G. Edwards; Architects, Messrs. Middleton, Prothero and Phillott, Cheltenham.—£200 voted.

3.—No. 9257.—Georgetown, S. James, in the parish of Tredegar. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

4.—No. 9286.—LUTON, S. PAUL'S. Dio. Ely.—Declined.

5.—No. 9279.—MELINCRYDDAU, S. CATHERINE, in the parish of Neath. Dio. Llandaff.—For a long time the want of Church accommodation has been felt in this district. Though not far from the town, it has an independent position. There has been a small Chapel of Ease kept open for services for more than thirty years. A Clergyman resides in the district and labours among the population. The accommodation supplied in the present Chapel of Ease is barely sufficient for the communicants. There is a strong Church feeling in the place. The Building Committee consists mainly of working men, who are according to their means large contributors. Estimated cost, £2260. Accommodation will be provided for 508; all seats free, Applicant, the Venerable Archdeacon Griffith; Architects, Messrs. Carter and Davies. Neath.—£200 voted.

6.—No. 9266.—Newfield, The Holy Saviour, in the parish of Byers Green, near Spennymoor. Dio. Durham.—Deferred.

7.—No. 9255.—SWANSEA, S. GABRIEL, in the parish of S. Mary. Dio. S. David's.

—The enormous mother parish of S. Mary, 'Swansea, has been for a long time greatly in need of Church extension. Three new Churches have recently been built, and three new Ecclesiastical parishes separated. A temporary Iron Church for S. Gabriel's district was erected in 1886, and is now too small for the requirements of the neighbourhood. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board strongly recommended this case to the favourable consideration of the Committee. Estimated cost, £5539. To accommodate 529; all seats free. Applicant, Rev. Canon Smith; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£300 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

8.—No. 9277.—BEDWORTH, ALL SAINTS, near Nuneaton. Dio. Worcester.—The present Church, which was originally a small one, has been twice enlarged (namely in 1826, when this Society gave a grant of £250, and again in 1850, when a grant of £120 was voted) in the cheapest manner to meet the requirements of the in-

creased population; the result is an unsightly and ill-proportioned, inconvenient building. A great expense is annually incurred to keep the present unsubstantial and in parts insecure building in repair. Under these circumstances it is thought that no attempt at alterations would prove satisfactory, and that it is more expedient to rebuild the Church. 189 seats will be added. The estimated cost is £8000. Applicant, Rev. F. R. Evans; Architects, Messrs. Bodley and Garner, London.—£150 voted.

9.—No. 9260.—BRONLLYS, S. MARY, near Talgarth, Brecknockshire. Dio. S. David's.—This Church was in a state of ruin, and closed for several years. The seats broken down and decayed, as also the floor underneath. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board strongly recommended this case for a grant. Estimated cost, £1211. Applicant, Rev. T. H. Beavan; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£60 voted.

10.—No. 9261.—LLANDDEWI YSTRADENNAU, near Dolau, Radnorshire. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

11.—No. 9284.—ALLERTON, S. MARGARET'S, near Cheltenham. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—Deferred.

12.—No. 9288.—Burton Dassett, All Saints, near Leamington. Dio. Worcester.—Deferred.

13.—No. 9283.—CHILTON-UPON-POLDEN, S. EDWARD'S. Dio. Bath and Wells.—This Church was built in the fourteenth century, repaired in 1829 assisted by a grant of £50 from this Society. It is now so dilapidated, that it had to be closed last autumn, and the schoolroom used for Divine Services. This building is insufficient to hold all who are willing to attend. The parish consists almost wholly of agricultural labourers, there is only one resident landowner of any consequence, the greater portion of the money has been raised from the applicant's friends and relations. A Church has stood on the present side for over twelve hundred years, mention is made of it in a charter dated A.D. 688. Estimated cost, £1831. Applicant, Rev. E. S. Elwell; Architect, Mr. E. H. Edwards, Bristol.—£30 voted.

14.—No. 7468.—Crowthorne, S. John, near Wokingham. Dio. Oxford.—Deferred.

15.—No. 9287.—HIGH WYCOMBE, ALL SAINTS. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built A.D. 1273; it is the largest in the county, if not in the whole Diocese. The interior was reseated and restored in 1874, assisted by a grant of £150 from this Society. It is now proposed to restore the exterior in four divisions, the first to cost £609 and the second £767. A grant is asked for these portions which will restore all walls, buttresses, clerestory and parapets; leaving the tower and porch for the third and fourth divisions, estimated at £630 and £635 respectively. Total estimated cost, £2731. Applicant, Rev. R. Chilton; Architect, Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, London.—£25 voted.

16.—No. 9290.—LLANDDEW, S. DAVID's, near Brecon. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred. 17.—No. 9254.—MONKTON, S. JOHN and S. NICHOLAS, near Pembroke. Dio. S. David's.—This application is for aid towards completing the work of restoring the Church and the Chancel (formerly the Monk's Choir). The work has been done in sections, the first section of the Chancel is now completed. What is now proposed to be done is to finish the Chancel by taking in the unroofed portion. A large majority of the parishioners consist of farm and dockyard labourers. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommended this case for a grant. Estimated cost, £1165. Applicant, Rev. D. Bowen; Architect, Mr. J. P. Moses, Cardiff.—£100 voted.

18.—No. 9293.—UPPER TOOTING, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred. 19.—No. 9267.—WINESTEAD, S. GERMAIN'S, near Hull. Dio. York.—Deferred.

20.—No. 9270.—WROCKWARDINE WOOD, HOLY TRINITY, in the parish of Wellington, Salop. Dio. Lichfield.—This Church was built A.D. 1831, assisted by a grant of £300 from this Society. The parish almost exclusively consists of miners and ironworkers, and however willing they may be to help forward this good work, few of them are in a position to give largely towards this object. Estimated cost, £525. Applicant, Rev. G. Todd; Architect, Mr. J. Farmer, Newport.—£25 voted.

21.—No. 9258.—WYKE, S. PAUL'S, near Winchester. Dio. Winchester.—Declined.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

22.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS, near Pontefract. Dio. York.—Deferred.

23.—M.B.F., No. 677.—DANE BRIDGE, S. PAUL'S, near Northwich. Dio. Chester.—Deferred.

24.—M.B.F., No. 684.—ASPLEY, S. PAUL'S, in the parish of S. Paul'S, Huddersfield. Dio. Wakefield.—This Mission Building is in a district containing 2000 inhabitants, and is at some distance from the Church; the building is used as a Sunday School, for Bible Classes, Mothers' Meetings, &c., as well as for Divine services. The people are nearly all poor, and there is great difficulty in raising funds for Church work. Applicant, Rev. A. C. Rangers.—£5 voted.

25.—M.B.F., No. 682.—BINSTEAD ROAD, S. STEPHEN, BUCKLAND, in the parish of Portsea. Dio. Winchester.—In the part of the district which the proposed Mission Room will principally benefit there are about 3500 people. The building is to be used for children's services, Mission services, as a Sunday School, for Mothers' Meetings, teas and any other parochial gatherings of all kinds. To seat 300. Estimated cost, £435. Applicant, Rev. J. H. B. Wollocombe.—£20 voted.

26.—M.B.F., No. 690.—CROOK. Dio. Durham.—The parish of Crook is a very extensive one, this Mission Church is to be erected in a remote part of it. There are 1500 inhabitants, and the nearest Church is nearly two miles distant. Estimated cost, £600. To accommodate 237. Applicant, Rev. J. King.—£25 voted.

27.—M.B.F., No. 687.—GLYNTARRELL, in the parish of Llanilltyd, near Brecon. Dio. S. David's.—This building is to be erected in a district two miles distant from the parish Church; besides being used for Divine service, a Sunday School and Bible Classes will be held. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case as urgently needed. Estimated cost, £650. Accommodation for 150. Applicant, Rev. J. Davies.—£25 voted.

28.—M.B.F., No. 689.—KIRKDALE, S. Asaph, Welsh Mission Church, in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool. Dio. Liverpool.—The Welsh population of Liverpool is estimated at 60,000, of whom 30,000 use exclusively the Welsh language. Sixty years ago a Welsh Church was erected, but its situation is most inconvenient to Welsh worshippers, and the loss to the Church of England has been considerable. To meet the wants of the district it is intended to erect in Kirkdale a permanent Welsh Church. To seat 250. Estimated cost, £1340. Applicant, Rev. J. Davies.—£30 voted.

29.—M.B.F., No. 691.—SHEPHERD'S BUSH, S. LUKE'S. Dio. London.—There is a population of 4000 in this district, the Church is about a quarter of a mile distant. The building is to be used for regular Sunday services. It will hold 400, and the cost is estimated at £1000. Applicant, Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne.—£25 voted.

30.—M.B.F., No. 685.—TADLEY, S. SAVIOUR, near Basingstoke. Dio. Winchester.
—The need of this building is very great, the area of the parish being large, the popula-

tion scattered, and the Parish Church distant from the centre of the people. The site for the proposed Mission Church is most central. Thirty years ago three acres of land were set apart for the purpose of building a rectory, a Mission Church, and a room for parochial uses, but circumstances have prevented any steps being taken to forward the work. Church services have been held in a loft over a stable and coachhouse. The building will hold 100, and its cost is estimated at £152. Applicant, Rev. C. N. Oliver.—£15 voted.

31.—M.B.F., No. 632.—TALGARREG, S. DAVID'S, in the parish of Capel Cynon, near Rhydlewis. Dio. S. David's.—The district in which it is proposed to erect this Mission Church has a population of 250, and is distant from the Parish Church four niles, and more than six from every other Church. This application was before the Committee in April, 1887, but deferred as no funds had been raised locally. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant. The building will hold 200, and the estimated cost is £600. Applicant, Rev. D. H. Jones.—£25 voted.

32.—M.B.F., No. 683.—The FREEHOLD, BARKINGSIDE, near Ilford. Dio. S. Alban's.—The district in which this building is to be erected is known as "The Freehold," and consists of a group of houses containing about 800 people, some of the lowest type. The Bishop of S. Alban's Fund has given a grant towards a clergyman who is coming to work, but there is no building of any kind available. A site has been given, but hitherto, from various causes, the work has been in abeyance. The building will hold 120, and its cost is estimated at £180. Applicant, Rev. T. No Perkins.—£15 voted.

33.—M.B.F., No. 688.—UPLEADON, near Gloucester. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—The Parish Church is at the extreme end of the parish, away from the population, and is almost useless for services in the winter. The Mission Church will also benefit the outlying portions of another parish which comes within a few yards of the site of the new building. Its cost is estimated at £220, and it will hold 100. Applicant, Rev. C. R. Greaves.—£10 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

Summai	ry, ar	range	ed ac	cording to L	noces	ses:		
No. of Grai	nts.			Diocese.				Amount.
I	•			London.	•	•		£25
I		•		Durham	•	•		25
2	•			Winchester	•			35
I				Bath and W	/ells			30
I				Gloucester a	and l	Bristol		IO
I				Lichfield				25
2				Liverpool				60
I				Llandaff				200
I				Oxford .				25
I				S. Alban's				15
6				S. David's				710
I				Wakefield				5
I				Worcester				150
20						Tota	al .	£1315

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

IO			General Fund £1120
IO	•	•	Mission Buildings Fund . 195
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20			Total £ 1315
Acadimus.			

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, December 20th, 1888, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

The Right Hon. Lord Addington.
The Right Hon. Lord Robartes.
Rev. Canon Cazenove.
Rev. C. A. Jones.

Rev. C. Wyatt Smith.
J. F. France, Esq.
James Hilton, Esq.
F. H. Rooke, Esq.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:—

General Fund				£36	397	£3664
Mission Buildings Fund					25 🐧	5,3004
Hine Legacy						901

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt Smith, G. Alan Lowndes, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9257.—Georgetown, S. James, in the parish of Tredegar. Dio. Llandaff. —Deferred.

2.--No. 9266.—Newfield, Holy Saviour, in the parish of Byers Green, near Spennymoor. Dio. Durham.—Deferred.

3.—No. 9237.—SOUTHALL, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. London.—This district is a poor one, with a population of 2000, scattered over a large area considerably over two miles long, by one mile and a half wide. The iron Church, which has been in use over thirty years, is now very dilapidated, and water comes through in several places. A Freehold site, sufficient for erection of Church and Parsonage, has been given by the Earl of Jersey. The need of Church accommodation is urgent, as the only permanent accommodation is the Parish Church. The estimated cost is £4500. The Church will hold 500 persons; 250 seats are to be pew-rented. Applicant, Rev. H. Mills; Architect, Mr. J. Lee, London.—£120 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

4.—No. 9284.—ALDERTON, S. MARGARET, near Cheltenham. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—Deferred.

5.-No. 9289.-BARNSLEY, S. GEORGE. Dio. Wakefield.-Deferred.

6.—No. 9288.—BURTON DASSETT, ALL SAINTS, near Leamington. Dio. Worcester.—This Church was built about A.D. 1066; there is no record of any repairs, and the building is very dilapidated. A large number of the pews and benches have for a long time been in such a dilapidated condition as to be absolutely useless, and are not therefore included in the present number of sittings. In other cases the decay of the floors renders the sittings useless, and the same may be said of some parts of the Church that are unfit for occupation because of leaking roof and wet walls. Eighty new seats will be added. The estimated cost is £1151. Applicant, Rev. H. Wilkinson; Architects, Messrs. Cossins and Peacock, Birmingham.—£40 voted.

7.—No. 7468.—CROWTHORNE, S. JOHN THE BAPTIST, near Wokingham. Dio. Oxford.—The nave of this Church was erected in 1873. In November, 1872, this Society voted a grant of £150 towards the entire Church, but as the Chancel was not erected, the grant was not claimed and was cancelled in December, 1879. The Chancel is now to be built in consequence of the inconvenience occasioned by want of room in the Church, the bad accommodation for clergy and choir, and the temporary character of the wall that now fills the Chancel arch, which is in a dangerous state. The people are mostly employed at, and are dependent on, Wellington College and Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. The estimated cost is £2259. Applicant, Rev. H. T. Morgan; Architect, Mr. A. W. Blomfield, London.—£100 or £50 voted, according as to whether it is decided to make the Church free or not.

8.—No. 9261.—LLANDDEWI YSTRADENNAU, near Dolau. Dio. S. David's.—Declined.

9.—No. 9290.—LLANDEW, S. DAVID, near Brecon. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred. 10.—No. 9295.—LONG CRENDON, S. MARY, near Thame. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built in the twelfth or thirteenth century; last repaired in 1828 at a cost of £700. It is proposed to restore the Church in three sections. The first section will cost £1000. The parish is poor. There is no large landowner resident or connected with the village. If the work be done, it must be largely through assistance received outside the place itself. Estimated cost, £3150. Applicant, Rev. F. E. Ogden; Architect, Mr. A. W. Blomfield, London.—£40 voted.

11.—No. 9297.—MOBBERLEY, S. WILFRED, near Knutsford. Dio. Chester.—This Church is 600 years old, and stands on the site of an old Saxon Church. In 1535 the tower was built and the arches lengthened. The building is now in a dangerous condition. The seats are of all sizes, and so narrow that it is not possible to kneel with comfort in any of them. A gallery is to be done away with, the sittings in which are counted in the present accommodation. Estimated cost, £3604. Applicant, Rev. H. L. Mallory; Architect, Mr. J. S. Crowther, Manchester.—£30 voted.

12.—No. 9293.—UPPER TOOTING, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred. 13.—No. 9267.—WINESTEAD, S. GERMAIN'S, near Hull. Dio. York.—Deferred.

III. MISSION BUILDINGS.

14.—M.B.F., No. 671.—FEATHERSTONE, ALL SAINTS, near Pontefract. Dio. York.—Deferred.

15.-M.B.F., No. 677.-Dane Bridge, S. Paul, near Northwich. Dio. Chester.-Deferred.

16.—M.B.F., No. 695.—BIRCHMOOR, in the parish of Polesworth, near Tamworth. Dio. Worcester.—This building is to be erected in a distant hamlet where there are 430 inhabitants, all miners. At present services are held in a room in a cottage, but it is far too small, and a larger room has become a necessity. Poleshill has a popula-

tion of 3000, chiefly miners; there are several small hamlets, two Churches, and five Sunday-schools. The estimated cost is £150, and the building is to hold 100. Applicant, Rev. J. G. Trotter.—£5 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 693.—Hebburn-on-Tyne, S. John. Dio. Durham.—Deferred. 18.—M.B.F., No. 692.—New Normanton, S. Augustine, in the parish of S. Chad's, Derby. Dio. Southwell.—It is necessary to erect a Mission Church for the parish of S. Chad's, Derby, for the benefit of a portion of the population, which is too remote from the Parish Church to be reached readily; the people are very poor, and the conventional district will have a population of 2000. The ground is leased for five years at a low rent; it will then be purchased at a price already fixed. The ground is freehold. The building is of iron and second-hand. The estimated cost is £250. Applicant, Rev. W. Martin.—£10 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 694.—SHIRE MOOR, S. MARK, in the parish of Percy, near Newcastle. Dio. Newcastle.—The Parish Church is distant four miles from the district where this building is to be erected. Besides being used for Divine Services, a Sunday-school, Bible-classes, &c., are to be held in a curtained space at the west end. The estimated cost is £650. The building will accommodate 250 persons.

Applicant, Rev. D. Roberton. - £10 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:—

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No. of Gr	ants.		Diocese.			Amount.
I		•	London			£120
I			Chester			30
1			Newcastle	•		10
2			Oxford			140
I			Southwell			10
2	•		Worcester			45
8					Tot	al 355

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

5		Ger	ieral	Fund	•			£330
3		Mis	sion	Buildi	ngs	Fund		25
8						7	Cotal	£355
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Taration of Charities.

SINCE our last issue, the question of the Taxation of the Charitable Funds of the Moravian Mission has been brought before the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Grantham, the former of whom decided in favour of the Crown, and the latter, whose opinion lay the other way, withdrew his judgment in

Taxation of Charities.

accordance with custom. The case was then taken to the Court of Appeal.

As the case of the Church Building Society has much in common with this case, we think it will interest our readers if we reprint the judgments of the Appeal Court as given in the *Times*. It will be observed that the judges were unanimous in reversing the judgment of the lower court.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.

COURT OF APPEAL.

Byore the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Fry, and Lord Justice Lopes.)

THE QUEEN v. THE COMMISSIONERS OF INCOME-TAX.

Judgment in this case was delivered to-day. The appeal was brought by the treasurer of the Moravian Brotherhood from the refusal by a Divisional Court of a writ of mandanus to the Income-tax Commissioners ordering them to give a certificate for the return of money paid by the Brotherhood under the Income-tax Acts. The question raised was whether the main objects to which the funds of the Moravian Brotherhood were devoted—namely, 'foreign missions, and the education of the children of missionaries and ministers, and the establishment of choir-houses—were "charitable purposes," and consequently entitled to exemption from income-tax under the allowances given by schedule A, section 61, of the Property Tax Act, 1842.

The case was argued last week at some length by Mr. Crackanthorpe, Q.C., and Mr. Bosanquet, Q.C. (Mr. Russell Roberts with them), for the appellant; and by the Solicitor-General (Sir E. Clarke, Q.C.) and Mr. Dicey for the Crown.

The COURT, having taken time to consider the question, allowed the appeal, and directed the mandamus to issue.

The MASTER of the ROLLS said that the case had been most elaborately and ably argued, and was one of considerable importance. The two questions which had to be decided were—first, as to the proper construction to be put upon the taxing statute; and secondly, whether this particular case came within the exemption. The Act of Parliament imposing the taxation was an Act which applied to the United Kingdom. The first rule of construction with regard to such an Act was that it must be construed according to the popular and accepted meaning of the terms used in it. Those terms must not be loosely or inexactly construed, but they must be given the meaning which ordinary educated persons would ordinarily give to them. If, however, the words used were shown to have some technical meaning it must be proved that the technical meaning was universal, and was not confined to a particular district and class of persons. It must be the received technical meaning among all those persons who would have to use it with regard to its subject matter. The phrase "charitable purposes" had, no doubt, received a legal interpretation in England. The Courts of Chancery had exercised jurisdiction over trusts for charitable purposes, under the statute 43 Eliz., and they had given to the phrase a very wide meaning. There would be no doubt that meaning was a technical meaning, as distinguished from the popular and received meaning of the phrase. It was very much wider than the ordinary popular meaning. It included such things as a grant of money to supply waterworks to wealthy towns such as Liverpool or Manchester, which could not, in the ordinary acceptation of the term, be deemed a charity. But the interpretation

by a Court of a technical phrase in one statute was not a binding authority as to its interpretation in another. His Lordship, therefore, agreed with the principle of interpretation laid down by the Lord Chief Justice in the Court below, and not with that propounded by Mr. Justice Grantham. The words must be given their ordinary popular meaning, and must not be given that technical meaning which had been placed on them by the English Court of Chancery. What was, then, the popular meaning of "charitable purposes"? In his opinion it was narrower than the meaning put upon it by the Court of Chancery, but it was wider than the definition sought to be put upon it at the Bar-the relief of physical necessity. That would exclude many undoubted charities, such as the education of poor children, while the Chancery meaning appeared to include anything given for a public purpose. It was essential to a charitable purpose that there should be an intention to relieve poverty. Money given to a poor relation because he was a relation would not be charity. The best paraphrase of the term "charitable purpose" was "the purpose of assisting people to something which the donor intends should be given to people who, in the opinion of the donor, cannot from poverty obtain it without his assistance, and when the donor's desire to assist them to obtain it is the main motive for the gift." That definition did not necessarily include a desire to give spiritual or religious assistance. mission to convert the rich might be very laudable, but it would not come within the definition. Nevertheless, a charitable purpose was none the less charitable because it was religious. It might be religious without being charitable, but it might be charitable and religious also. There was much education which could not be called charitable. Our public schools and universities were not charity schools, yet the phrase "charity schools" was a well-known one and applied to schools for the education of the poor. Now came the question whether the purposes for which this money was given to the Moravian Brotherhood were charitable or not. In his opinion they were within the definition. The money was given for missions to the heathen, by which he understood the poor heathen to be meant, and for the education of the children of missionaries and ministers who were of necessity poor and unable. to give proper education to their children themselves. So also as to the choir-houses, which appeared to be either educational, or for the shelter of incapacitated persons. It followed, therefore, that every case would depend on the particular trust whether it was entitled to exemption or not. Therefore, while agreeing with the reasoning of the Lord Chief Justice, he thought that the question of the claim of this particular trust to exemption had not been sufficiently brought to his attention, and accordingly the appeal must be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE FRY said that the first rule of construction of a statute was that words should be taken in their primary signification. If they were popular words then they should be taken primâ facie in their popular signification. If they were words of art then they must be construed in their technical sense. In his opinion the words "charitable purposes" were words of art which had received by the statute 43 Eliz. distinct legislative explanation. From that time Courts of Chancery in England had applied the wide meaning given by that statute to charitable purposes, and had extended that meaning. It was a phrase with a well-ascertained technical meaning, and on examining the cases before the Court of Chancery in Ireland and the Court of Session in Scotland, he found that a similar meaning had been there attached to those words. Therefore, he came to the conclusion that the received meaning in Courts of Chancery of the term "charitable purposes" must be applied here, and if that was so it was admitted that this case came within it. Even, however, if he was wrong in this principle, he agreed with the Master of the Rolls that

the objects to which this fund was devoted were charitable within the ordinary popular meaning of the word, and were, therefore, entitled to exemption.

LORD JUSTICE LOPES read a judgment, in which he expressed his agreement with the reasoning of the Master of the Rolls and his dissent from that of Lord Justice Fry. He thought that the popular and not the technical signification of the term should be adopted. The idea of the relief of those in want was inseparably connected with the ordinary idea of charity; but the want need not be merely physical, it might be mental or religious. He was, therefore, clearly of opinion that the objects of this trust were charitable purposes, and as such were entitled to exemption.

The following letters appeared in the *Times* of September 22nd and December 29th, 1888. The former letter of Lord Addington's, published in the *Times* of September 4th, was reprinted in the *Church Builder* for October, 1888.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES."

SIR,—Your article of the 4th of August ¹ reviewing my letter upon the Taxation of Charities and Mr. Cross's letter upon the Rating of Charities has provoked criticisms in various quarters, to which, with your leave, I shall be glad to reply in the columns of the *Times*.

I am challenged to show cause why Charity Funds should not be charged with income-tax rather than be allowed to enjoy an exemption which aggravates the burden of the taxpayer generally. Charity Funds, I reply, should be exempt from taxation because that exemption conduces to the welfare of the whole community.

Trace the action of charitable endowments from their origin in some particular locality. Take a suburban parish of which the population, under the stimulus of remunerative labour, has grown within half a century from 4000 to 40,000. The parish church and the school allied to it would suffice for a mere fraction of the inhabitants; but charitable men build and endow new churches and new schools, and they found and provide for the future maintenance of hospitals for the reception and recovery of the sick and the many sufferers from accidents constantly occurring in the vast mechanical workshops of the parish.

What would be the result of these charitable efforts?

The education of the young commenced in religiously conducted schools would be continued in church or chapel, and the people would thus be trained to lead honest, industrious, pure, and peaceable lives in this world, and be prepared to leave it with a good hope of the life to come. In their sickness or accidental disability they would find shelter and tender care in hospitals, from which they would return with restored energies to their daily duties.

The individual objects of these charities would not be the only gainers by their operation; the whole parish benefits by its inhabitants being, through the action of these spontaneous agencies, protected against the disturbing growth of ignorance, vice, and violence, and against the aggravation of the statutable liability to poor-rate which would ensue when neglected illness or casualty allowed a temporary disability to culminate in a chronic incapacity for remunerative labour. I will deal with the objections which have reached me, various in expression, but resolving themselves into the

following proposition: "A church or school benefits those only who attend it, and its exemption from taxation burdens all the heavier the rest of the community.

Not so. The good work may be the work of Churchman or Dissenter alike, and Dissenting charitable endowments are equally entitled to immunity from taxation. If there were no Dissenting school or chapel in the parish, the Dissenting parishioners would still profit by the peaceable and thriving state of the whole parish and by the consequent reduction of the rates. A hospital is accepted as an unimpeachable form of charity. Why? Because a hospital, though it benefits its immates alone personally, benefits indirectly the whole community by restoring and sustaining the effective power of labour in the entire labour class. And so the religious training of school, church, and chapel benefits the whole community by leading into honest industry those who would otherwise seek their subsistence in fraud and plunder.

If, then, as I prove, charity benefits the whole community, it is good policy to foster its exercise. It is alleged that if the pious founder be sincere he will not be deterred by the prospect of the revenues which he dedicates being subsequently taxed. To a certain degree he certainly would be discouraged by the certainty that what he devotes to God's service is to be plundered by the State; but admitting, contrary to all probability, that charitable gifts would not be discouraged by taxation, it cannot be questioned that their efficacy would be impaired. If income-tax is levied upon the revenues of hospitals, schools, and missions, the numbers of those who would be

healed and taught and evangelized must be proportionally diminished.

I helped to extinguish Mr. Gladstone's assault on charities in 1863 by quoting the Balance Sheet of the Royal Patriotic Fund, which would have been practically broken up had its revenues (largely invested in terminable annuities) been charged with income-tax. The Patriotic Fund was, said Mr. Gladstone, an exceptional charity, and doubtless the country would have resented an injurious raid upon its revenues; but would the country be pleased to see the Royal Humane Society crippled, or the Royal Lifeboat Fund forced by taxation to withdraw even one lifeboat from its charitable and glorious service?

The subject of controversy may be summed up in one brief sentence. There are charitable purposes of unimpeachable utility which are beyond the province of the State, and which are, and ever have been, fulfilled by private benevolence to the great advantage of the whole community. Is it desirable that the immunity from taxation hitherto awarded to them by the law should be cancelled by the arbitrary procedure

of the Inland Revenue Department?

Mr. Cross, in the instructive letter which you noticed on the 4th of August 2 proposed that the rule for rating charities should be governed by the Inland Revenue's rule of taxation. This provision of his intended Bill must of course have been sketched before Somerset House had violated the traditions of half a century.

1 am, Sir,

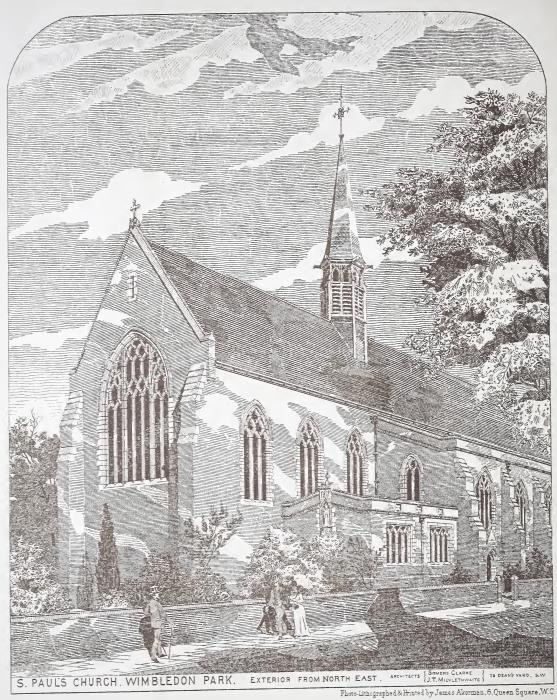
24, Prince's Gate, Sept. 18th.

Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) Addington.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES."

SIR,—In your comments of the 25th inst., on the Appeal Court's decision in the case of the "Moravian Missions," I can concur, with a slight, but in my view a most im-





portant exception. You sum up the sense of the judgment as recognizing the exemption of such charities "as profess to benefit the poor," but you hold that "an institution which ministers to the spiritual necessities of the poor becomes as much a charity as a hospital which ministers to their bodily infirmities. In perfect agreement with this view I defined, in the *Times* of the 28th of August last, a "charitable purpose" as one which would be spontaneous and beneficent to men's minds or bodies, without displacing any obligatory agency producing the same results.

Lord Esher's elaborate definition may evidently be condensed and simplified; but it furnishes an effective guide by which spurious and pernicious charities may be distin-

guished from those of real utility.

You think "that societies which pauperize the lower classes by alms and doles are left by this judgment in possession of their privileges:" this certainly would be the result of the Scotch gloss on charity if it took effect, and this possibility of itself establishes the necessity of a thorough inquiry into the whole subject; for, at present, the one form of charity favoured by the Scotch Judges is precisely that which, in 1863, Mr. Gladstone denounced with all his energy. You construe the definition furnished by the Appeal Court "as seeming to leave out in the cold the 'Church Building Society,' and many societies of the same description," and here I venture to differ from you. The "Church Building Society" has been patient, but it has now resolved to assert its rights by process of law, with a firm expectation of success.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) ADDINGTON.

Addington Manor, December 26th.

S. Paul's Church, Wimbledon Park.

ALTHOUGH the district which forms the present parish of S. Paul's bears the name of Wimbledon Park, it is really a part of the old parish of Wandsworth. The need of the separation of this district has arisen from the large and growing increase of population in this locality, which borders upon the parish of Wimbledon. There are already nearly 1500 inhabitants, and it is expected that in a short time there will be many more.

The Church which is now begun has been designed so that the existing temporary Church shall not be disturbed nor the congregation dispersed.

The temporary Church, built some time since, is about thirty feet wide by eighty long. It was, unfortunately, placed so near the southern boundary of the site, that the permanent Church could not be placed on the same central axis, and yet bear a good proportion between its nave and aisles; the south aisle

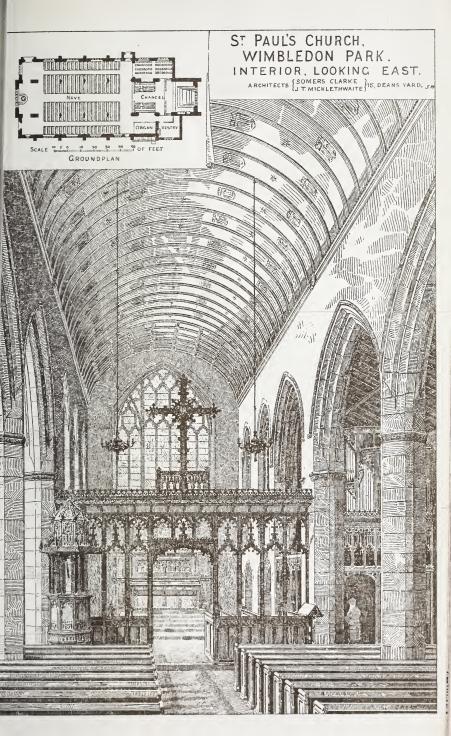
would have been a mere passage, the north aisle too wide. The section of the new Church has therefore been so designed that the nave can be constructed with the southern arcade built inside the temporary Church. The northern arcade will be built outside, the roof being sufficiently elevated to stand clear of the roof of the temporary Church.

The finished plan consists of a nave 24 feet wide in the clear, and of north and south aisles, each 131/2 feet wide. Arcades of four bays, 18 feet span, separate the nave from the aisles. Whether a tower shall be erected at the west end of the nave is left for future consideration. The chancel, now far advanced towards completion, is 24 feet wide and 47 feet long. There being no chancel arch the lines of the nave are continued through unbroken, as shown in the interior perspective, the chancel screen marking the division. The nave and chancel walls are 34 feet high from the level of the nave floor, and to the ridge of the tunnel ceiling 44 feet. To the ridge outside, the height from the ground is 57 feet. The chancel is flanked by an aisle or side chapel on the north, and by a vestry on the south. The vestry shown on the plan is only half the size of that built. The continuation of the south aisle of the nave forms the organ-chamber, which opens into the chancel by a lofty arch, and is quite unobstructed towards the aisle. The decoration shown upon the curved ceiling of the chancel is of raised plaster-work, the ribs being of wood.

When completed the Church is to accommodate about 600 people, including chairs, but exclusive of the choir. The chancel, organ-chamber, and enlarged vestry are being erected by Messrs. Adamson and Sons, of Putney, at a cost of about £2500. The architects are Messrs. Somers Clarke and J. T. Micklethwaite 15, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, S.W.

T. Cambier Parry.

ONE of the most severe losses in the Art world of 1888 has been the death of Mr. Gambier Parry, at the end of September. The previous year, about the same time, saw the removal of his





friend, Mr. Beresford Hope, who was a great promoter of all art undertakings, and, like Mr. Parry, one of the revivalists of Church architecture, under the auspices of the Cambridge Camden Society. Mr. Parry's name has long been connected with all ecclesiastical movements, whether for the adornment of Churches, the extension of Church work, or the many benevolent institutions with which he was associated.

His fame will. however, always rest on the decoration of Ely Cathedral, a work begun by his Eton friend, Mr. Le Strange, of Hunstanton Hall, Norfolk, and completed by Mr. Parry in 1864, after a labour of love, extending over two years. Any one who has visited that lovely shrine of Eastern England, will have observed the grand frescoes of the nave, setting forth the sacred history of man as recorded in Scripture, and terminating with a representation of the Judgment over the central arch, leading on, as it were, in idea, to the paintings in the exquisite lantern, whereon is represented the scheme of the celestial hierarchy. Nor can we forget Mr. Parry's adornment of his own Church at Highnam, near Gloucester, nor of the beautiful little chapel of S. Andrew, in that Cathedral. Writing of his work in that chapel, to the compiler of these notes, he said:-" The work can only possibly be seen before mid-day, on a clear day-you can see the subjects, but that is not seeing the painting and its expression, for colours are essentially the very creatures of light."

It was the fortune of the writer to be one of some friends who were privileged to have Mr. Parry's guidance over the Cathedral, a few years ago, and the remembrance of that visit will never be effaced. No point of interest was forgotten, and the architectural history of that glorious pile seemed to grow apace under his facile description, as he told of influences of style on cloister, arch or doorway, and led on to the development and inter-association of each portion of the building.

The decoration of part of the roof of Tewkesbury Abbey was also Mr. Parry's work, and in the restoration of that fabric, he took great interest.

In all these artistic labours, we might draw a parallel with the great French artist Flandrin, who designed and painted some of the most beautiful frescoes in the Church of St. Germain des Prés, and others in Paris, and who, like Mr. Parry, lent that fine devotional feeling to all his Scripture scenes.

As founder and president of the Gloucester School of Art, Mr. Parry worked long and earnestly, and generally gave addresses on art teaching. His aim in all these teachings was to elevate; at the same time, no one knew better how to inculcate the first principles of work for the artist and artisan, and to show that no success could be obtained without courageous perseverance. He thus wrote:—"The noblest ambition of an artist is not his own distinction; his work is to contribute to human happiness and his best work is that which does so by the power of a pure and noble motive, which animates his art, because it animates himself."

Mr. Parry was one of the Committee for the Decoration of S. Paul's, and his opinions on that subject were expressed at the meetings of the Royal Institute of British Architects, of which he was an honorary member.

To archæology, especially as connected with the County of Gloucester, Mr. Parry gave generous aid, and contributed several papers at their periodical excursions. His last literary work, "The Ministry of Fine Art to the Happiness of Life," published by Murray in 1886, is the result of a life-long experience on various matters of architecture, mosaics, stained glass, and fresco-painting.

His remarks on the treatment of wall-painting are so defined that they deserve the best attention at the present day. Speaking of picture or easel painting, he says, "Let it be as free as the air it imitates, but architectural wall-painting is bound by the respect the one art owes the other." It is not often there is left behind the records of so gifted a life, a life devoted to the highest development of art and its culture. Of Mr. Parry we might say, as of the great Nuremburg artist, Albert Dürer, whose memory long lingers in that quaint old German city,—

[&]quot;Dead he is not, but departed, For the artist never dies."



PARISH CHURCH OF S. MARY'S, LITTLEHAMPTON.

Parish Church of S. Mary's, Littlehampton.

THIS popular sea-side resort possesses one of the most unattractive Churches in England, which is also insufficient in other respects for its purposes. It was built some sixty years ago, upon plans prepared apparently by a Frenchman, being drawn to the scale of the French metre. The only remnant which is left of the old village Church, then pulled down, is the head of a four-light window of fourteenth-century reticulated tracery, inserted in the east gable. A temporary chancel has been cut out of the nave, and a small recess about nine feet high, projecting out beneath the east window, serves for the sanctuary. There is a large gallery at the west end, extending on the north and south as far as the east wall of the Church. There is one dismal bell in the western tower, which serves also for the striking of the clock. The new building, designed by Mr. William White, F.S.A., will be almost exclusively of brick, pointed inside and out; with pillars, caps and bases, and with what little tracery there is to the windows, of stone. The roof will be covered with Staffordshire red tiles. Only the chancel will be built till further funds allow of carrying on the work. The present handsome altar fittings will be replaced; and the temporary stalls will be made to serve for the time.

In order to raise funds for the building of the existing Church, sums of money from fifty to two hundred pounds were advanced by various ratepayers, on condition that one or more pews should be reserved to them under the faculty. Some of these pews were again sold, or came into the possession of poor people, whose chief source of living depended upon the rents they were able to obtain for them; and considerable numbers of the parishioners, as well as visitors, were practically excluded from the services of the Church.

About twenty-five years ago, the Rev. H. Master White (now Archdeacon of Grahamstown) was instrumental in obtaining counsel's opinion upon the faculty; and it was shown that the rights conveyed under the faculty were only personal to the

first purchasers and their families; and they could claim only a right to occupy the pew devised to them, but not even this to the exclusion of other persons when unoccupied: and they could sit nowhere else but in their own pew. The Church was, after this, by slow degrees made free and open; and now it is proposed to build a chancel with aisles for organ-chamber and vestries, with some increase of room for congregational purposes. But the raising of the requisite funds, though under £1000, is very uphill work, the greater part of the buildingland being held on lease from the trustees of the Duke of Norfolk, and, except for the few months of summer vacation, the population consisting mainly of lodging-house keepers, seafaring men, and small tradesmen.

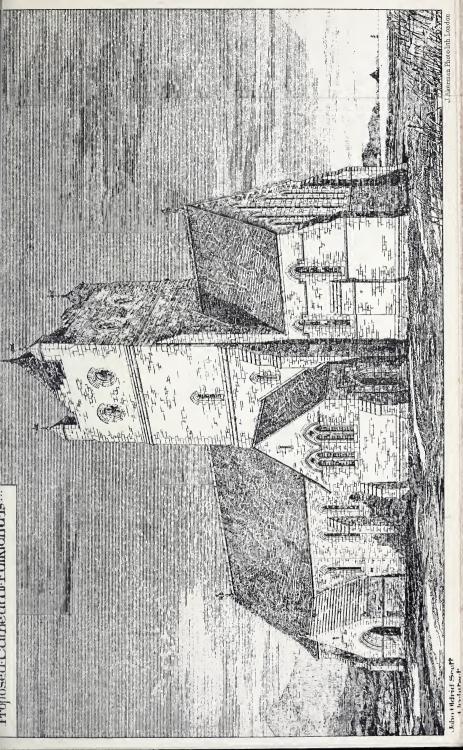
It is hoped that visitors and charitable persons who know the needs of the place may aid the poor residents. But, unfortunately, very many of the flitting strangers do not feel that they ought to be called upon to help towards building a Church even for their own occasional use.

Cathedral Church for the Falkland kslands.

THE Bishop of the Falkland Islands is anxious to erect a Church at Stanley, the seat of Government.

These islands, uninhabited when discovered, have now a population of about 2000. They form a Crown Colony, and are the most southern of England's possessions. Furnishing a harbour of refuge for our mercantile marine exposed to tempestuous seas off Cape Horn, and a coaling-station in time of war, they are of considerable importance in an ocean region where for thousands of leagues England has no other place to call her own.

The islands give a title to the Bishop, whose administration extends beyond their limits over the various congregations and agencies of the Church of England on the vast Continent of South America. Notwithstanding that the Falkland Islands





are a Crown Colony, and form the See of an English Bishop; notwithstanding the population is English, and amounts to some 2000; notwithstanding they are resorted to by ships of Her Majesty's Navy, and by vessels of all nationalities, many of them in distress, their crews being detained in port for many days and even weeks together; the Church of England has no place for public worship, except a temporary and inadequate service-room.

Two years ago the building used as a Church was destroyed by a landslip. The immediate need of a Church is, therefore, unquestionable. The Government grants a site and the rough material of the old stone edifice. It is now proposed to erect a building, the design of which, generously given by Mr. John Oldrid Scott, is represented in the accompanying illustration. The accommodation will be for 250 persons.

The climate of the Falkland Islands is extremely severe There is little or no natural beauty in the islands, no trees, nor flowers, nor indeed anything to give brightness to the lives of those whose lot it is to dwell there. The Bishop's earnest wish is that the Church shall prove a sort of oasis in the desert, so that there at least the inhabitants may find beauty, warmth of colour and brightness. All that is possible will be done to give the Church this character, but much must necessarily depend on what funds are available for the building.

As everything except the rough stone must be imported from England, and as the Colonial wage-rate is extremely high, it is not possible to estimate the cost at less than £6000. Towards this amount the Colonists undertake to raise £3000—a sum undoubtedly large considering the number of the population, of which many are Presbyterians, and others members of the Roman Church. It is the Bishop's anxious aim to secure on his part £3000, of which he has already, through the great kindness and liberality of friends, obtained half.

The work once begun must be carried to completion without interruption, otherwise much increase of outlay will result. And in fact, until the sum mentioned be collected, it will not be prudent, perhaps not possible, to purchase the necessary material, and to despatch it under the charge of skilled work-

men, for the purpose required. The need, therefore, of prompt assistance is manifest.

Some of the very first contributors, and most generous, to the fund for the proposed Church were captains of merchant-vessels visiting Port Stanley: a fact which indicates the value of such a Church, not only for the residents (some 800) in Stanley itself, but for all comers, particularly for our seamen in distress or otherwise.

Reviews, Aotices, &c.

Some Urgent Questions in Christian Lights (Rivingtons) is the title of a volume of lectures delivered at S. Philip's, Regent Street, on Sunday afternoons by different preachers; the subjects being certain urgent "questions of the day" which have received a somewhat "freer handling" than is desirable in an ordinary sermon. We single out from the others a few as furnishing much food for thought which may lead some to find the right end which is to unravel the tangled skein of knotty problems in our day urgently demanding solution: e.g. "The Social Creed of the Church," and "Christianity and Socialism" suggest that a selfish individualism cannot be the true exponent of His Gospel, Who came to reform Society and to gather all things into Himself. "The Monastic Life and its Teachings" points out the good as well as the evil of the old monastic system: "The poor must be reached by the poor, 'said the friars; and, "Depend upon it, we or those after us will see strange religious orders by-and-by," says the lecturer (page 43). The lecture on the "Duties of the Rich to the Poor," if it catch the eye of one that now lives at ease, may stir up such to pay the debt of love to a poor brother or sister in some East End corner. We commend the book to all earnest men and women who want to be, under God, and according to their talents, the saviours of their country, in this age of unsolved problems.

Canon Scott Holland has given the public another volume of sermons, with the title On Behalf of Belief (Rivingtons). It is divided into three parts; first, there are four sermons "concerning the Resurrection;" next, four "concerning the Church;" lastly, four "concerning Human Nature." The writer's style is rather difficult, sometimes a little obscure. His thoughts rush on like a mountain torrent, or like the tidal wave that forms the "bore" in a great river, so that it is not always easy for the reader to follow him. But the volume is well worth careful study, and it may prove helpful to some earnest thinkers who have found difficulties in the acceptance of some of the fundamental principles of our Faith.

The Light of Life and other Sermons (Rivingtons), by Canon Knox Little, M.A. The public in general will hardly have need of a reviewer to tell them that Canon Knox Little's sermons are well worth reading; while the friends who pressed for their publication deserve the thanks of society at large. The distinguishing features of this book are earnestness and straightforwardness; justice being as firmly insisted on as mercy. Any one desiring a Sunday book will do we'll to procure and study this one.

The Church Bells Album of Churches in Lancashire, Lincolnshire, and other counties, is a handsome book, and will prove of much interest to those who wish to

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know the salient features of the architectural characteristics of the Churches in those counties. The accounts of the Churches, though brief, are well worthy of attention. they contain many a historical record deserving of preservation. The illustrations are well done, and show buildings to which many of our modern Churches built in meretricious styles offer a very unfavourable contrast.

A Voice from Heaven (Rivingtons), by the Rev. H. Bartram, Vicar of Ramsgate. is the title of a funeral sermon on the death of the Rev. H. Robinson, Vicar of Westfield, Sussex; the greater part of which was written without a thought that it would be used for one who was called away suddenly as the pen was in the writer's hand. It is a brief, touching discourse.

In the Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons) for December is the Archbishop of Dublin's letter on the proposal to consecrate a Bishop for the Protestants in Spain. According to the testimony recently given by the resident English Chaplain at Madrid, such a Bishop is not required. Numerically the body is very small; in opinion it is decidedly Presbyterian. We may hope that the proposed action of the Irish Bishops may not be carried into effect.

Novello's Collections of Words of Anthems. New and enlarged edition. (Novello, Ewer, & Co.) Certainly the most complete and comprehensive edition as yet published. Former compilations have given a list of composers, but we have here, not only a complete list of these, but also a list of their anthems, as well as a brief biography of each composer. There is also a valuable list of anthems suitable for the various seasons of the Church, for men's voices only, and with Latin words, which will often be found helpful. The anthems themselves are arranged in chronological order of composition, and where the same words have been set to music by more than one composer their names are added in alphabetical order, and the names of composers who have set part of the words only, are subjoined under consecutive numbers. There are 1589 anthems in the order alluded to above, to which are added words of 42 oratorios, cantatas, &c., and 47 parts of oratorios in sections, thus bringing up the list to 1778; there are also offertory sentences and parts of the Communion Service occasionally given as anthems. An index of passages of Scripture, Collects. and Prayers, as well as an index of first lines, considerably enhances the value of the work. No precentor or organist should be without it. The printing and appearance of the book is excellent, and Mr. Henry King, Assistant Vicar Choral of S. Paul's Cathedral, the compiler, is to be heartily congratulated upon his work.

Quarterly List of Amounts received, from all Sources, in aid of the Church Building Society.

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Special Appeals.

THE CHURCH IN WALES .- Now that the Church in the Principality is attracting unusual notice, we hope an earnest appeal from the Rev. J. B. Davis, to Church people in general, may not be in vain, on behalf of a poor colliery district in Glamorganshire, for funds to make up a deficiency after already strenuous efforts locally, which are hopelessly inadequate for carrying on the work of building a neat, plain Church, in a neighbourhood thickly studded with Dissenting Chapels, but no Church of any description for miles around. The building already in course of erection is an absolute venture of faith. A large and increasing number of people avail themselves of Church services, which are at present held in the colliery school, lent when not required for school purposes. It can be no presumption to believe that, when our great need is known, some benevolent Christian friends will be moved to send practical assistance. The Head of the Church will not allow the building to be incompleted for lack of funds. Sum required, £1000. Amount already promised, £700. W. S. Dent, Esq., Streatham Hill, £10; A Friend, per W. S. Dent, Esq., £10. All donations towards the building fund will be thankfully acknowledged by the Secretary, Rev. John Bangor Davies, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, Glam.

STEPHEN'S, BUCKLAND, PORTSEA.—The Rev. J. H. B. Wollocombe, Curate-in-charge of this Mission District, earnestly appeals for help in raising the sum of £250, to pay off the debt remaining on an Iron Mission Building. At present five per cent. is being paid on the money owing at the Bank. The District contains a working class population of over 6000. There are no rich people living in the district. There is as yet no Church, no Parsonage, no endowment, no fund on which to draw, except it be the £240 per annum allowed by Church Societies for the stipends of the two curates.

On the recommendation of the Bishop of the Diocese (who has himself given \mathcal{L} 10) the Incorporated Church Building Society has made a grant of \mathcal{L} 20. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rev. J. H. B. Wollocombe, Kingston Crescent, Portsmouth.

A PPEAL FOR AID. £400, or 3200 half-crowns, required to complete the rebuilding of the ancient Chapel of Chilton-super-Polden. Pray help a poor Parish. Contributions thankfully received by the Incumbent, or by Messrs. Stuckey and Co., Bankers, Bridgwater.

S. Michael and All Angels' Church,

WE desire to call the attention of the Public to the Appeal of the Rev. Hugh Ryves Baker for Contributions to complete the above-named Church.

We know the good work that Mr. BAKER has been doing for more than twenty years at S. Michael's, and we hope that, when it is brought under the notice of Churchmen, they will readily respond to a call made on them by such a place as Woolwich, which, as one of the great workshops of the Nation, has a right to look for help from the public at large.

The Parish is the poorest in the locality, and the population is mainly composed of persons who either are or have been in Government employ.

The temporary building, which now serves as a Nave, will not last another winter. It will be seen that the Appeal has the cordial support of the Bishop of the Diocese.

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HALIFAX, 88, Eaton Square, S. W.

EDWARD S. TALBOT, M.A., Warden of Keble College, Oxford.

J. A. SHAW-STEWART, 71, Eaton Place, S.W.

HENRY BOYD, D.D., Principal of Hertford College, Oxford.

ROBERT GREGORY, Canon of S. Paul's.

I. C. EDGHILL, Chaplain-General of the Forces.

FRANCIS H. MURRAY, Rector of Chielehurst, and Rural Dean.

SAMUEL G. SCOTT, Rector of Woolwich, and Rural Dean, who will be glad to answer any questions.

I am most auxious to get the above Church completed by the addition of the Nave and Aisles, for which Mr. Butterfield has prepared the plans. The iron building which serves as a temporary Nave is more than nineteen years old, and is quite worn out.

To complete the Church, the sum of £8000 is needed, of which £4000 has already been obtained from some friends, including the Bishops of Rochester and Lincoln, the Warden of Keble College, Earl Beauchamp, Mr. J. A. Shaw-Stewart, and Mr. Richard Foster, and the Church Building and Rochester Societies.

Woolwich has a very special claim on public sympathy, and I therefore trust the remaining £4000 will be forthcoming during the next few months, in order that the building operations may be completed in the Spring.

CONTRIBUTIONS will be thankfully received by myself, or by RICHARD FOSTER, Esq., Homewood, Chislehurst, who has kindly consented to act as one of the Treasurers of the Fund.

HUGH RYVES BAKER.

N.B.—The work has been commenced, but we have only enough to contract for the Nave, leaving out the Aisles and porches. Will some friend help us with these?



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, January the 17th, 1889, at 2 p.m., being the first Meeting of the present Session.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

The Right Hon. LORD ROBARTES. The Archdeacon of Essex. Rev. Canon J. ERSKINE CLARKE. Rev. C. A. Jones. Rev. Canon T. W. PERRY. Rev. Canon W. CHETWYND STAPYLTON. Major C. E. WATSON. Rev. C. WYATT-SMITH. J. F. FRANCE, Esq. JAMES HILTON, Esq.

ARTHUR POWELL, Esq. ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq. F. H. ROOKE, Esq. EDWARD THORNTON, Esq. W. E. M. TOMLINSON, Esq., M.P.

Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:

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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated :-

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.-No. 9266.-Newfield, Holy Saviour, in the parish of Byer's Green, near Spennymoor. Dio. Durham.-Newfield is a mining village containing with surrounding district 1500 inhabitants; they are nearly all poor; the bulk of the population is between two and three miles from the Parish Church. The whole of the balance of money required will have to be begged for from outside. For ten years past Divine Services have been held in a licensed room, now inadequate to the wants of the district. The Church will contain accommodation for 250. All seats free. Estimated cost, £1900. Applicant, Rev. R. E. Hooppell, LL.D.; Architect, Mr. J. W. Taylor, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—£80 voted.

2.—No. 9253.—WEST HARTLEPOOL, S. AIDAN. Dio. Durham.—It is intended to reserve in the title-deed the right to put pew-rents on not more than one-half the number of seats, should this become necessary in the future, as some time may elapse before any endowment can be procured. It is expected that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners will provide an endowment in due course. This application was deferred at the June meeting on account of Rule XXXIII. There will be 575 seats in the new Church. Estimated cost, £4450. Applicant, Rev. A. A. McMaster; Architect, Mr. J. H. Morton, South Shields.—£80 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9284.—ALDERTON, S. MARGARET, near Cheltenham. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This Church was built from the thirteenth to the sixteenth century, partially repaired in 1796. The Church has lapsed into extreme decay. All the north wall will have to be rebuilt, a portion of the porch has fallen. The interior is sadly dilapidated, and the rain in some parts comes in copiously. The inhabitants of the parish being chiefly agricultural can do but little. Estimated cost, £1180. Applicant, Rev. C. R. Covey; Architects, Messrs. Knight and Chatters, Cheltenham.—£25 voted.

4.—No. 9289.—BARNSLEY, S. GEORGE. Dio. Wakefield.—This is a large poor parish about two miles square, and containing 10,000 people at present, most of them miners and operatives. The pews in the body of the Church are rented. It is intended to make more of them free, and provide kneeling and book boards, of which there are at present none throughout the Church. There are 270 seats pew-rented in this Church. Estimated cost, £630. Applicant, Rev. J. S. Lawson; Architects, Messrs. Wade and Turner, Barnsley.—£20 voted.

5.—No. 9293.—UPPER TOOTING, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Rochester.—This Church was built A.D. 1854, assisted by a grant of £250 from this Society. The enlargement of the Church is rendered necessary by the crowded state of the Church and the very rapidly increasing population in the immediate neighbourhood of the Church; 233 additional seats will be provided. There will be 1093 seats, of which 560 will be pew-rented. The estimated cost is £3000. Applicant, Rev. J. Haslock Potter Architect, Mr. B. E. Ferrey, London.—£100 voted.

6.—No. 9267.—Winestead, S. Germain, near Hull. Dio. York.—This Church was built A.D. 1100; no substantial repairs have been done beyond making it wind and water tight from year to year. The building is extremely dilapidated. The architectural features of the Church belong to the thirteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth centuries. The walls are nearly all covered externally with rough cast, but judging from the great thickness of the north and south walls of chancel, north wall of nave, and lower part of west wall, and the indication of what appears to be the starting of an apse inside the present chancel wall at east end, there is little doubt that parts of the present building belong to the eleventh or twelfth centuries; 52 seats are to be added. Estimated cost, £2002. Applicant, Rev. W. J. Mellish; Architect, Mr. Temple L. Moore, London.—£20 voted.

III. FURTHER AID.

7.—No. 9273.—Newton Moor, S. Stephen, in the parish of Newton-in-Mottram. Dio. Chester.—This Church will hold 506 persons, all seats free, and the cost will be £5775. On account of Rule XXXIII. only a small grant in the first instance could

be made in this case. An application for further aid was at the time suggested, and is now made. This parish is about three miles and a half in length, and three-quarters of a mile in breadth. The population are nearly all of the poorer class. Applicant, Rev. J. F. Messenger.—Grant of £30 voted 19th July, 1888; £70 additional now voted, making £100 in all.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

8.—M.B.F., No. 697.—Derby, S. Dunstan-by-the-Forge, in the parish of S. James. Dio. Southwell.—There are 3000 inhabitants in the district in which it is intended to erect this Mission Building. The Parish Church is at a considerable distance from these people. The chancel will be fitted as in a Church, and the room arranged with the greatest advantage; it will hold 550 persons, and the estimated cost is £1285. Applicant, Rev. E. Hacking.—£40 voted.

9.—M.B.F., No. 693.—Hebburn-on-Tyne, S. John. Dio. Durham.—Deferred. 10.—M.B.F., No. 698.—Storer Road, Loughborough. Dio. Peterborough.— A piece of land has been purchased for the purpose of building a permanent Church, Vicarage and Schools, but at present it is proposed to put up a temporary Iron Mission Church which is much needed. The Bishop of the Diocese states that the great increase in the population of Loughborough makes this in his opinion an urgent claim. This Iron Church will seat 300 persons, and the cost is estimated at £300. Applicant, Rev. T. Pitts.—£25 voted.

11.—M.B.F., No. 699.—WIMBLEBURY, in the parish of Hednesford, near Stafford. Dio. Lichfield.—The population is of mushroom growth; twenty-five years ago there can hardly have been 150 people, now there are 10,000. They are scattered over an area of eight square miles. There is not a rich man in the place, and the poor are chiefly miners. The Parish Church, two small Mission Churches, and a rented room supply only 1000 sittings for worshippers. This building will seat 200 persons, and the cost is estimated at £360. Applicant, Rev. Prebendary Grier.—£25 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of Gran	te			Dioces				Amount.	
	13.								
I	•	•	•	York	•	•	•	£20	
2				Durham				160	
I				Chester		•		100	
1				Gloucester	and	Bristol	•	25	
I				Lichfield				25	
I				Peterborou	gh			25	
I	•			Rochester				100	
I				Southwell		•		40	
I				Wakefield				20	
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10						То	tal	£515	
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7	•	•					•	£425	
3	•	•	M	ission Build	lings	Fund		90	
10						To	tal	£515	
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A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, February the 21st, 1889, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.	J. F. FRANCE, Esq.
Rev. C. A. Jones.	JAMES HILTON, Esq.
Rev. CANON T. W. PERRY.	ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
Rev. C. WYATT-SMITH.	F. H. ROOKE, Esq.
JOHN BOODLE, Esq.	Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON,
LieutCol. the Hon. G. H. W.	Secretary.
WINDSOR CLIVE	

The available balances in hand were:—

General Fund.					£420	31		
General Fund . Mission Buildings	Fund				7	1 3 4	1274	
"R. M. Fund".							9	
Hine Legacy .							958	

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9298.—South Norwood, S. Alban, in the parish of S. John's, Upper Norwood (Croydon). Dio. Canterbury.—The site for the proposed new Church was purchased more than ten years ago. Building operations have progressed within the last few years at an enormous rate, and are rapidly progressing at the present time. The existing Parish Church is already crowded out. There are no well-to-do people near the proposed Mission Church. It is proposed in the first instance to build three bays only of the permanent nave, and to half of their permanent height. This first portion will accommodate 425 people, and will cost £1100. The new Church will contain seats for 829 persons, all free. Estimated cost, £10.775. Applicant, Rev. W. F. La Trobe Bateman; Architects, Messrs. Bucknall and Cowper, London.—£300 voted.

2.—No. 9278.—GILLINGHAM, S. BARNABAS, near Chatham. Dio. Rochester.—Within the last ten years an unprecedented increase of population has taken place within the district of S. Barnabas from in 1878 of 250, to in 1888 about 4000. A mission-room and missioner in full work, and a strong Church feeling is being created. The secularists, and a strange sect known as the Jezreelites, are trying hard to obtain a footing, and as they have plenty of money at their back have to be strongly opposed. Accommodation will be provided for 700 persons, all seats free. Estimated cost, £8000. In July, 1888, a grant of £175 from the R.M. Fund was voted, being the whole amount standing to the credit of that Fund No grant could then be made from the General Fund, as under Rule XXXIII. the claim of the Diocese for that year had been already exhausted. Applicant, Rev. W. H. Robins; Architects, Messrs. J. E. K. and J. P. Cutts, London.—£250 voted, in lieu of the previous grant of £175 which is now cancelled.

II. REBUILDING ON NEW SITE.

3.-No. 9300.-Shadforth, S. Cuthbert, near Durham. Dio. Durham.-

This Church was built A.D. 1838 assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society, and repaired in 1880, the building is now dilapidated owing to bad materials used, and a long period of neglect. The inhabitants are nearly all of the poorer class, nine-tenths being miners, the remaining agricultural and various. There will be an addition of 80 seats in the new Church, and the estimated cost is £2255. Applicant, Rev. W. Hooper; Architects, Messrs. Hicks and Charlewood, Newcastle.—£75 voted.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

4.—No. 9302.—COPMANTHORPE, S. GILES, near York. Dio. York.—This Church was built A.D. 1100, partially repaired in 1845. The building is extremely poor, all the old features having been removed in 1845, the nave is just good enough to remain. The inhabitants consisting principally of agricultural labourers and small farmers, there is no local landowner able to give substantial help; a very small proportion only of the sum required can be raised in the parish. Estimated cost, £640. Applicant, Rev. A. Willan; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£20 voted.

5.—No. 9304.—MILTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, HOLY TRINITY. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church is of ancient date, was partially repaired in 1882. The Church presents an example of the worst form of old-fashioned pews and boxes; new sittings are very necessary. The fabric is in such a state that if the repairs contemplated can be carried out all will be as substantial as needs be, but at present neglect would be serious as there are dangerous cracks in walls and ceiling. The restoration of the tower is not in the present estimate. Estimated cost, £1000. Applicant, Rev. R. Payne-Smith, Jun.; Architect, Mr. W. L. Grant, Sittingbourne.—£25 voted.

6.—No. 9303.—PUTTENHAM, S. MARY, near Tring. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church was built A.D. 1300, added to in 1500, partially repaired in 1882. The fabric is very dilapidated; portions of the external wall at east end of the north aisle and of the internal facing of the upper wall of tower have fallen, and the porch is in the course of tumbling down. New lead is required throughout the whole roof. The Church is very damp and cold. The parish is too poor to render any effectual help. Estimated cost, £740. Applicant, Rev. R. Merrick; Architect, Mr. Gordon M. Hills, London.—£15 voted.

7.—No. 9305.—Roche, S. Germandus. Dio. Truro.—This Church was substantially repaired in 1822 assisted by a grant of £100 from this Society. Roche before 1822 was of the ordinary type of Cornish churches with an arcade of pillars, a nave and aisle, and north transept. In 1822 the whole of the arcade was done away with, one large roof was made to span the whole building, large square pews were erected, and the result is a building without any sign of being a Church, with the exception of the existence of the north transept. It is impossible to describe the oppressive dreariness and the inconvenience of the building. The flooring and seats are breaking down. This application is strongly recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. Estimated cost, £1905. Applicant, Rev. A. V. Thornton; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London —£50 voted.

8.—No. 8576.—SALCOMBE, HOLY TRINITY, near Kingsbridge. Dio. Exeter.—This Church was rebuilt in 1842, assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society. In 1881 a further grant of £20 was voted towards reseating the Church. The present application is for aid towards building a chancel. Estimated cost, £2150. Applicant, Rev. M. Kelly; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£80 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

9.—No. 9256 — Walworth, S. John's College, Cambridge, Mission Church. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

V. Mission Buildings.

10.—M.B.F., No. 703.—Brompton Mission Room, in the parish of Holy Trinity. Dio. Rochester.—The population of the new parish is nearly 8000, consisting almost exclusively of workmen connected with the Dockyard; and within the last two years there has been a large increase in the number of labourers in consequence of the Dockyard extension. Estimated cost, £1000. The building will seat 250 persons. Applicant, Rev. Canon D. Cooke.—£20 voted.

11.—M.B.F., No. 693.—HEBBURN-ON-TYNE, S. JOHN. Dio. Durham.—This Mission Hall is to be erected in an outlying district of S. John's parish, on the borders of the Tyne, where some 1500 vessels annually anchor, and where twenty-six families reside. The building, besides being used for Divine Service, will be used as a Sunday School, and on week-days as a Reading Room. The ground belongs to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; application is being made to them for the site, which will be vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens of S. John's parish. It will hold 122 persons, and the estimated cost is £100. Applicant, Rev. E. Johnston.—£5 voted.

12.—M.B.F., No. 701.—HEOLYENE, in the parish of Coychurch, near Bridgend. Dio. Landaff.—This Mission Building is to be erected in the upper hamlet of Coychurch where there are 350 inhabitants, and is increasing; the Parish Church is four and a half miles distant, and two and a half miles from a Mission Church. There will be one service weekly by the clergy and others by lay helpers. It will also be used as a Sunday School. It will hold 75 persons, and the estimated cost is £240.

Applicant, Rev. W. Jenkins. -£10 voted.

13.—M.B.F., No. 696.—LAHORE ROAD, SELHURST, HOLY TRINITY (Croydon). Dio. Canterbury.—This application is for aid towards purchasing a Mission Building and improving it. There are 2000 poor people inhabiting poor streets of which this building will be the centre. A raised chancel curtained off contains choir, stalls, altar, lectern, &c. It will hold 150 persons, and the estimated cost is £240. Applicant, Rev. R. Patterson.—£15 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:—

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No. of Gran	ıts.			Diocese.				Amount.
3	•			Canterbury				£340
I				York				20
2				Durham				80
I				Exeter				80
I				Llandaff				10
2				Rochester				270
2				S. Alban's				165
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These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:

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4		Mission Buildings	Fund	l		50
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13 Total £1015

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, March the 21st, 1889, at 2 p.m., being the first Meeting of the present Session.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

The Ven. the ARCHDEACON OF	Lieut Col. the Hon. G. H. W.							
KINGSTON.	WINDSOR-CLIVE.							
Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.	J. F. France, Esq.							
Rev. Canon J. ERSKINE CLARKE.	JAMES HILTON, Esq.							
Rev. C. A. JONES.	G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.							
Rev. Canon T. W. PERRY.	Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secre-							
Rev C WYATT-SMITH	tam							

The available balances in hand were:

General Fund .					£3614	1	26.17
General Fund. Mission Buildings	Fund				33	} *	3047
"R. M. Fund"							165
Hine Legacy .							871

The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9322.—ABERYSTWYTH, S. MICHAEL. Dio. S. David's.—The Parish Church of S. Michael, Aberystwyth, is a barn-like cruciform structure of grey stone, with high old-fashioned pews, and open benches as free seats. It is damp, cold, and cheerless, and in a condition that needs urgent attention; a piece of ground has been purchased adjoining the present churchyard, on which it is proposed to build a new Church. The present Church of S. Michael will remain to be used for services of a mission character, children's services, and in the summer months when the town is full of visitors, for overflow services. The case is strongly recommended by the S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board. The Church will hold 784 persons. 300 of the seats will be "pew-rented." The estimated cost is £6320. Applicant, Rev. J. Havard Protheroe; Architects, Messrs. Nicholson and Son, Hereford.—£225 voted.

2.—No. 9318.—BARMOUTH, S. JOHN, in the parish of Llanaber. Dio. Bangor.—Barmouth is a place of rapid increase and growing importance; at present English and Welsh services are held in a Church quite inadequate for the purpose, and at necessarily inconvenient hours for English and Welsh congregations. The two resident clergy are responsible for ten services on Sunday in the summer, and nine in the winter, besides the daily services. This new Church will accommodate 926 persons, all seats free. The estimated cost is £10,850. Applicant, Rev. E. Hughes; Architects, Messrs. Douglas and Fordham, Chester.—£300 voted.

3.—No. 9319.—CLOUGHFOLD, S. JOHN, near Manchester. Dio. Manchester.—This district is taken out of the parishes of Rawtenstall, Newchurch, and Waterfoot. The amount raised and expected has only been reached after a most strenuous and

exhaustive door-to-door canvass in the parish, and a diligent appeal from friends outside the parish. The Church will contain 450 seats, of which half are to be "pewrented." Estimated cost £5370. Applicant, Rev. E. Holliday; Architects, Messrs. Paley and Austen, Carlisle.—£75 voted.

4.—No. 9316.—HOYLAND, S. ANDREW, in the parish of Nether Hoyland, near Barnsley. Dio. York.—The want of Church accommodation is great. The only Church in the parish is situated on a hill remote from most of the people, and it has remained without enlargement since it was built sixty years ago. It was reseated and made free and open six years since, and is fairly attended. The two chief centres of population lie on opposite sides of it. In one of these, the largest and more remote (Hoyland), where are some 3500 of the people, a congregation has been kept together, and full Church services held for the last eleven years in a small licensed school-room. The accommodation will be for 250 persons, all seats free. Applicant, Rev. H. T. Sale; Architect, Mr. W. J. Sykes, Nether Hoyland.—£40 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

5.—No. 9313.—AXMOUTH, S. MICHAEL, near Axminster. Dio. Exeter.—This Church was built at different dates, beginning about A.D. 1100. It was partially repaired in 1830. The roof is now very dilapidated. The present seats are about four feet high, and inconvenient for kneeling. The south aisle has already been restored. The old vestry has been restored to its original purpose as a porch, retaining a fine Norman doorway in the north wall, hence the necessity for building a new vestry. The Church is a most interesting one. The estimated cost is £970. Applicant, Rev. S. C. Davis; Architects, Messrs. Hayward and Son, Exeter.—£60 voted.

6.—No. 9321.—Bow, S. Bartholomew. Dio. Exeter.—This Church was built A.D. 1280. The chancel was partially rebuilt in 1850. The building is at present in very bad condition owing to general decay, vaults giving way, &c. The old decayed seats are so wet (owing to the rain coming through the roof) that it is dangerous to sit on them. The parish is one of the poorest in Devon. Estimated cost, £1535. Applicant, Rev. W. H. Bowden; Architect, Mr. R. M. Fulford, Exeter.—£70 voted.

7.—No. 8148.—Harlesden, All Souls'. Dio. London.—This Church was built a.d. 1877 aided by a grant of £300 from this Society; but, as the entire work for which the grant was voted could not be carried out, £185 only was paid. The balance of £115 was cancelled in 1883. The population is increasing with great rapidity; in 1881 it was 3410, but it is now estimated at about 8000. There are two schismatical ministers holding Church services in iron buildings independent of each other in the district. It is most important that the Church should be increased in size and dignity to contend against such misleading attractions. 481 seats will be added by the enlargement. Estimated cost, £3780.—Applicant, Rev. H. Courtenay Atwool, M.D.; Architect, Mr. E. J. Tarver, London.—£115 voted.

8.—No. 9324.—MOUNTNESSING, S. GILES, near Brentwood. Dio. S. Alban's.—This Church is one of the oldest in Essex, dating from the twelfth century. The building is now almost in ruins. It is proposed to remove all the old high pews, together with the gallery and plaster partition separating the body of the Church from the belfry, thereby throwing open the whole of the arcade, and gaining 115 additional sittings; to repair the roof and spire, to restore the old windows as they originally existed, to build a vestry and organ-chamber, and to re-floor, re-heat, and re-seat the whole of the Church. Estimated cost, £1500.—Applicant, Rev. R. W. Chilton; Architects, Messrs. Bodley and Garner, London.—£60 voted towards the whole work.

9.—No. 9315.—NYMET ROWLAND, near Lapford. Dio. Exeter.—This Church is a very interesting one, containing Saxon, early English, and Jacobean architecture; it was last repaired about 1530, and its condition is very bad indeed. In 1867 £30 was voted towards restoring this Church, but as the works were not carried out, this grant was cancelled. The present vicar has rebuilt the chancel at a cost of £200. Estimated cost, £220.—Applicant Rev. F. Gutteres; Architect, Mr. S. Halls, Dolton, N. Devon.—£20 voted.

10.—No. 9309.—S. MABYN, near Bodmin. Dio. Truro.—This Church was built A.D. 1530 and substantially repaired in 1812. The fabric is in a sound state. The parish is a poor one, nine-tenths of the people are labourers. This application is recommended by the Truro Diocesan Committee. Estimated cost, £728.—Applicant,

Mrs. Glencross; Architect, Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn, London.—£40 voted.

II.—No. 9310.—TOOTING GRAVENEY, S. NICHOLAS. Dio. Rochester.—This Church was built A.D. 1828, replacing a very ancient Church; it has been repaired at different times, so that the building is in a good state of repair. This parish has increased five per cent. in population during the last eight years. Small villas have been added, let out as two tenements each; over 200 houses have been added. This work is undertaken for the sake of the new residents who cannot obtain seats, and for the very poor, as there are only sixty-six free seats at present. Estimated cost, £1250.—Applicant, Rev. E. H. Morton; Architects, Messrs. J. P. St. Aubyn and Wadling, London.—£70 voted.

12.—No. 9311.—WOOLWICH, S. MARY. Dio. Rochester.—This Church was built A.D. 1733, repaired in 1883 at a cost of £1500. This Church, which stands on one of the finest sites on the south bank of the Thames between Richmond and Gravesend, affords accommodation for 500 on ground-floor and 350 in galleries, which surround three sides of the Church. The chancel is a slight excrescence of about six feet in depth. The vestry, which is only fourteen by eighteen feet, has to accommodate three clergy, eight Church officers, and a chior of about thirty men and boys. 169 seats will now be added, making 1013 in all, all free. Estimated cost £4000.—Applicant, Rev. S. G. Scott; Architect, Mr. J. Oldrid Scott, London.—£100 voted.

III. FURTHER AID. ORIGINAL STATEMENT.

13.—No. 9256.—WALWORTH, S. John's College, Cambridge, Mission Church. Dio. Rochester.—On account of Rule XXXIII. only a small grant could in the first instance be made in this case; an application for further aid was at the time suggested, and is now made.—Applicant, Rev. F. Watson.—Grant voted June, 1888, £70, £80 now added, making £150 in all.

IV. Mission Buildings.

14.—M.B.F., No. 705.—ARPLEY ROAD, PENGE. Dio. Rochester.—Declined.

15.—M.B.F., No. 707.—PYLLE HILL, in the parish of Knowle, Bristol. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This is a compact district in itself, situated about a quarter of a mile from the Parish Church. The land is leased to the vicar and two others, one being the churchwarden, for fourteen years, with option of purchase at any time, at a rental of £17 10s. per annum. It is intended to purchase the ground as soon as possible out of the funds now collected, it will then become a freehold property in the hands of trustees for the purposes of the Church of England. It will hold 300 persons, and the estimated cost is £1205. Applicant, Rev. G. Dunlop.—£20 conditionally.

16.—M.B.F., No. 704.—SEATON, THE GOOD SHEPHERD. Dio. Exeter.—Deferred.

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I			London		•	· .		115	
I			Bangor					300	
3		•	Exeter					150	
I			Gloucest	er ai	nd Br	istol		20	
I			Manches	ter				75	
3			Rocheste	er				340	
I			St. Alban	n's	•			60	
I			St. David	d's				225	
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Taration of Charities.

THE following letter appeared in *The Times* of March 9th, 1889:—

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

SIR,—In *The Times* of the 28th of August, 1888, I drew the attention of your readers to the attempt of the Board of Inland Revenue to levy income-tax upon charities hitherto exempt. In the House of Lords, at the close of a statement of the case of the Incorporated Society for Building, Enlarging, and Repairing Churches and Chapels, I moved for returns of—(1) correspondence between the Inland Revenue and the Treasury (reprint from "Charities, 1865"); (2) statement of amounts on which income-tax was refunded in 1886-87; (3) statement of claims for restitution of income-tax rejected since August, 1887, specifying the nature of the charity and the reason for the rejection; (4) correspondence between the Inland Revenue and trustees of charities and Charity Commissioners.

Those returns are now published, "Income-tax on Charities" (289, Session 1888), and they enable me to present to your readers the position of this important question illustrated from the information in the returns.

The income-tax is a personal tax. It was so constituted by Pitt in 1799, and

so it is held to be now. By the Act of 1799 every individual householder (and every society of individuals) was bound to make an assessment of his personal liability in a statement on one side detailing the revenue derived from every source, and on the other the deductions, allowances, and exemptions to which he was entitled. Upon the balance of the statement he paid income-tax. The exemptions included all incomes under £60 a year, and the funds of all corporations or societies established for charitable purposes only. Income (under Pitt's Act) applicable to "charitable" purposes was therefore never returned for assessments, or charged with tax.

Under the Act of 1803, for greater convenience, incomes were divided into five schedules, and the receipt of each class of revenue, so far as possible, was made leviable at its source. But as this change of system involved the levy of tax upon some revenues which were exempt in virtue of their purpose or the poverty of the owner, provision was made that the Inland Revenue as the first receiver should restore the amount of the exempted tax to the trustees or administrators of the

funds.

Practically repeating the exemption clauses of 1799 and 1803, the Act of 1842, following that of 1806, recites these exemptions. Section 88:—"(1) The stock or dividends of any corporation, fraternity, or society, or of any trust established for charitable purposes only," and it then proceeds to bring under the same exemption "the stock in the names of any trustees applicable solely to the repairs of any cathedral, college, church, or chapel of any building used solely for the purpose of Divine worship."

This being the state of the law, the Inland Revenue in 1887 deviate from the practice of forty-five years, and propose at their own discretion to retain the moneys which they have received as income-tax, to be refunded to their true owners.

It would be difficult to acquit this action of the department of illegality in view of the Minute of the Treasury (September 30, 1863) establishing "that the actual administration of the tax has acquired so much of prescription as ought to stand good at least against any interposition by an authority purely administrative." So much for the legality of the change of system. Then as to the procedure. The Church Building Society claimed the restitution of moneys which were never meant to be alienated by taxation; were, in fact, part of their revenue for 1886-87; and, although held in suspense by Somerset House, were pledged to their expenditure in 1886-87. The Inland Revenue, who appropriate these moneys without previous notice, commit a breach of trust, and leave the society with a deficit. Return 289 gives the following details of the classes and amounts of income-tax refunded in 1886-87:—Educational trusts, £778,528; religious trusts, £103,232; hospitals, £534,701; pension funds, £236,523; almshouses, £157,101; doles, £193,834; miscellaneous, £48,043-total, £2,051,962.

Return 3 furnishes about 260 cases of claims which have been refused, the titles of the trusts, the nature of the trusts, and the reason for rejection of the claim. This paper, together with the correspondence explaining the reasons of the rejection, is most important, and deserves the attention of all persons interested in the charities mentioned.

The revenues attacked must be considerable, if we add to the £2,051,962, exempt by the Inland Revenue in 1886, the stock exempted from charge by the Charity Commissioners. And it is obvious that to cancel the immunity from taxation hitherto granted to charitable institutions may seriously impair their beneficent operation, to the detriment of the entire community.

In the list of 260 rejected claims, there are a few which may be reasonaably dis-

allowed. The prevention of cruelty to animals, the provision of marriage portions, the relief of the Poor rates, and making loans to young tradesmen can hardly be included in the category of charitable purposes. The alleged reason of rejection is in most cases a simple denial of the title to exemption upon grounds which may be gathered from the correspondence. To the claims of the Incorporated Society for Enlarging, Building, and Repairing Churches the Inland Revenue allege "that the repair of churches is not a charitable purpose, and that the specific exemption of church repairs, following the exemption in favour of charitable purposes, shows that such purposes as the enlarging and building of churches does not fall within either of these exemptions." This conclusion of the Inland Revenue is irreconcilable with the rules of legal construction and the test of common sense.

The meaning of the 88th section of the Act of 1842 is, first (repeating the provisions of the Acts of 1799 and 1803), to provide for the exemption of the stock of any corporation, fraternity, or society, or of any trust established for charitable purposes only; and, secondly, that the charitable purpose of repairing religious buildings shall not be taxed if so be that it takes effect not through a corporation, fraternity, society, or trust established for charitable purposes, but through the agency of two or more individuals intrusted with a fund devoted to the repair of a particular church or chapel. The later provision points not to a new purpose, but to a new channel through which the purpose is to act.

The construction of the 88th clause by the Inland Revenue involves irreconcilable anomalies. Upon what principle do they, for instance, treat repairs as the only religious purpose exempt from tax? Can they treat the repair of a church as entitled to exemption when they hold that the funds applied to building the same church are subject to be taxed? Upon what principle are repairs, which they exempt when defrayed by dividends under Schedule C, to be charged with income-tax if paid out of rents through Schedule A? For these ridiculous inconsistencies the arguments of the Inland Revenue are responsible. Church repairs, to which the Inland Revenue steadily deny the character of a charitable purpose, are yet privileged with immunity from taxation and dignified with a religious character if only they are supplied with a revenue through Schedule C. If the investment be changed from Consols to land or houses the repairs would be neither charitable nor religious, and the rents would be inexorably taxed.

The Inland Revenue in 1863 assumed that exemption under one schedule governed the others, and that no reason could be assigned for making a distinction between rents and dividends. Their successors take a different and not a wiser course.

The provision exempting funds in trustees' hands for repairs first appeared in 1806; what, then, antecedently had been the force of the exemption of charitable purposes? The interpretation of the words as then accepted, and as confirmed by contemporaneous and traditional evidence, cannot surely be affected by a subsequent special provision which does not profess to repeal or vary the main provision.

To assist their aggressive policy the Inland Revenue rely now largely upon the decision of a Scotch Court, which, in deciding the suit of "Baird's Trustees z. the Lord Advocate of Scotland," laid down as the appropriate definition of charity in connection with the income-tax that "charity" means alms, and that "charitable uses" is relieving poverty.

When any reason is alleged for rejecting one of the 260 claims in the return, it will be found that the Inland Revenue cite either the Scotch gloss on charity or the repairs argument as their justification. A recent decision (*The Times*, December 22, 1888) of the Court of Appeal, affirming the claim of the Moravian Brotherhood to the

income-tax of their funds detained by the Inland Revenue, changes the whole aspect of the question. The decision was unanimous, and those who heard or may read the official reports of the judgments, especially that of Lord Justice Fry, will have no doubt that an appeal to the House of Lords can only complete the discomfiture of the Board of Inland Revenue. Whether there is to be an appeal to the Lords or not, the charities whose claims were rejected by the Inland Revenue upon pleas which have now been disallowed by the Supreme Court are in a position to renew their claims with every prospect of ultimate success if not of immediate satisfaction.

Many of these charities are small and weak, and may think the income-tax on their income from investments not worth fighting for; but they should recollect the consequence of their submission. The Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1885, imposes upon corporate and unincorporate bodies a corporation duty equal to 5 per cent. upon their net annual income, subject, however, to the exemption (Clause 11) of "property legally appropriated for any purpose connected with any religious persuasion, or for any charitable purpose, or for the promotion of education, literature, science, or the fine arts." The list of exemptions seems wide enough to embrace the almost entire list of 260 rejected trusts; but, however equitable its claim, no trust which submitted to the income-tax and thereby resigned its character of a charity would escape the challenge of the Inland Revenue to pay the corporation duty. The combined burdens would be disastrous, and it behoves the managers of charities to take defensive measures.

The policy of Somerset House is inexplicable. The undoubted zeal and ability of its officials, instead of preparing the long-promised adjustment of the income-tax. have been directed to aggravate its oppression by eliminating its few mitigating features. The arbitrary construction of the statutes and the capricious verbal definitions in which the Inland Revenue have distinguished themselves, startling though they be, are not, after all, so amazing as the unwisdom with which this war against charity has been devised and waged. Quoting the judgment of the Lord Ordinary in Baird's case, the Inland Revenue (letter, May 30, 1888) insist as an argument for the narrow interpretation of charitable uses as exemption from the income-tax that it is a "general tax borne by the whole community, who are able to bear it." In advancing this argument the Inland Revenue ignore the elementary conditions of an income-tax. The income-tax should be borne by the whole community. True. In principle every man should bear this personal tax; but there have always been these exceptions-poverty in the person owning the revenue, charity in the character of the purpose to which the revenue is to be applied. Practically these conditions have hitherto been observed—in Pitt's Act by abstaining from the levy, in later Acts by the restitution of the tax when for convenience' sake it had been levied by the Inland Revenue.

Why were charitable purposes exempt from taxation? Because the spontaneous relief of man's physical and spiritual necessities, where the State cannot be the agent, is a work carrying not only blessings to the necessitous but material advantage to the whole community, whose liability to rates and taxes is sensibly diminished by successful efforts to remedy the evils flowing from disease, ignorance, idleness, and vice among the poor. This movement can be in no degree an answer to public desire. No subject of the Queen, however stingy, selfish, and grudging, can be damaged by exempting charities from taxation. The relief to his own income-tax through the taxation of charities would be infinitely outweighed by his share in the costliness of demoralization shown in the public expenditure.

An authoritative definition of charities and their liability to either rates or taxes are matters of Imperial importance which demand a careful consideration and settle-

ment, and in the interval it remains to be seen whether the Board of Inland Revenue will, as advised by the Treasury in 1863, "follow the practice which has hitherto prevailed."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

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ADDINGTON.

Since the above letter was written, the Inland Revenue Department has refunded the amount of income-tax charged on the Society's funds in 1887, and withheld by the Department since that date; and an intimation has been received that the amount for the year 1888 will also be refunded.

S. Bartholomew the Great, E.C.

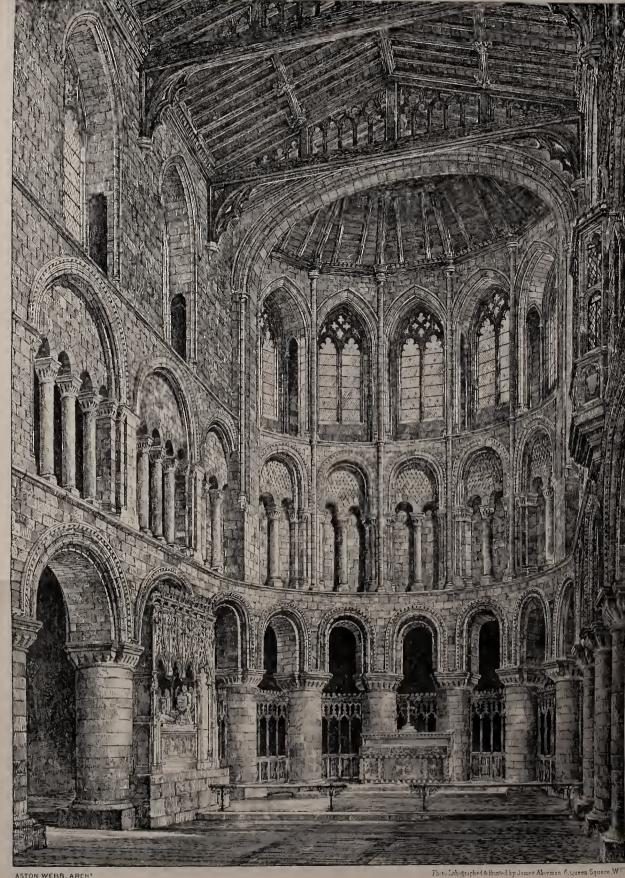
THIS Church, one of the oldest and finest in London, is yet little known, buried away as it is among dilapidated houses in Smithfield, sunk some six feet below the present level of the ground, built upon, mutilated, dilapidated, degraded in every possible way; still, enough remains to impress all who enter it.

Founded by Prior Rahere in 1123, it was built by him for the Augustinian Canons, to which Order he belonged. He also at the same time founded the great Hospital of S. Bartholomew, hard by. Rahere built the greater portion of the Church now standing, viz. the choir and crossing, and also the north and south transepts, now destroyed. Afterwards were added a nave, cloisters, lady-chapel, chapter-house, and extensive conventual buildings since destroyed, though remains still exist among the adjoining buildings.

At the dissolution of the monasteries, the priory was sold in 1546 to Sir Richard Rich, the choir of the Church being preserved for the use of the parish, and the site of the nave being given as a burial-ground. Gradually the remaining buildings were pulled down, and even the Church itself built upon, and portions converted for secular purposes.

The tomb of the founder, Rahere, is still one of the ornaments of the Church, as is also the oriel window built into the triforium on the south side by one of the last priors, viz. Prior Bolton.

The present Church, as has been said, is mainly Rahere's



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work, but the clerestory was added in the 14th century, when the lady-chapel was built at the same time, the apse being cut off by a square wall, and a large east window inserted.

The Church had sunk into a most deplorable condition when, in 1865, a determined effort was made to improve it, headed by the rector, the Rev. John Abbis, and much good work was done under the architects, Messrs. Slater and T. Hayter Lewis. Amongst other things, the floor was lowered 2 feet 6 inches; certain piers which were in a dangerous state were rebuilt; new tracery was inserted in the clerestory windows; the square east wall was removed to the height of the ground-floor arcade, and this arcade completed round the apse. The work was then brought to a standstill through the inability of the Committee to acquire the fringe factory which then occupied the ladychapel, and protruded some twenty-five feet into the Church at the east end.

In 1885 the Rev. William Panckridge was appointed rector, and another attempt was made to continue the restoration, and by good fortune the fringe factory came into the market, and was purchased for a very large sum, together with those portions which projected into the Church and a considerable piece of land once the canons' burial-ground.

Mr. Aston Webb was appointed architect, and the apse, as shown in the view, was built by the munificence of the patron, the Rev. F. P. Phillips, care being taken to preserve all the existing remains in position of the square east end, which was further emphasized by turning an arch across the Church from the remaining jambs of the east window. The Church was also re-roofed, and the organ placed in a gallery at the west end. The organ is a fine instrument, and was purchased from S. Stephen's, Walbrook.

Though much has been done, still much remains to be done. The site of the north transept is occupied by a forge, the south transept is disfigured by a canvas vestry, and the north triforium is occupied by a boys' school. This latter, however, will soon be removed, as new schools are in course of erection on the site purchased south of the lady-chapel. Portions of the cloisters are now used as stables.

It is hoped in time to build shallow north and south transepts, which will open out the arches of the crossing, and also form proper abutments for them, which at present they sorely need. Repairs are also required at the west end, and a new west window, and after this, the restoration of the lady-chapel. The present rector, the Rev. B. Savory, is working energetically to this end. Upwards of £12,000 were spent, including the purchase of properties in Mr. Panckridge's time, and a large sum is still required to make a worthy completion. It is claimed that during the late restoration not a single worked stone was removed from its place.

The Warminster Pew Case.

(From the "Guardian.")

A QUESTION as to the title to an old pew in a parish church came up for prolonged consideration before the Appeal Court recently. In 1887 the vicar and churchwardens of Warminster, in Wiltshire, obtained a faculty for restoring and reseating the church. On Mr. Halliday's claiming to be entitled to a pew in the south aisle, they disregarded his claim, alleging that he only occupied the pew by permission of the churchwardens, and they proceeded to remove it. Thereupon Mr. Halliday brought an action against them for wrongfully disturbing his rights. The case was tried before Mr. Justice Day, and it was then proved that for more than two centuries Mr. Halliday's family, from father to son, had occupied their dwelling-house in the parish, and also this pew. They appear to have used the pew exclusively; they had a key of it, and they repaired it. Mr. Halliday's ancestor, who in 1687 purchased the fee simple, built the pew in 1680, paying 5s. to the churchwardens, who gave him a receipt in these terms:

"Received from Mr. Halliday for the ground on which he hath built a seat for his wife and family."

This, it was admitted by the claimant, did not in itself give a title, nor a legal origin for the user relied on. But it was

contended that the two centuries' subsequent user showed the existence of some legal title. One thing which in some measure accounted for the dispute was the long life of Mr. Halliday's great-grandfather-as many as eighty-eight years-so that when he died in 1832 little was known about the pew. In 1824 the same Mr. Halliday went abroad for some years and let the house from time to time; and on such letting he expressly let the pew with it. In 1832 the house was sold under the will of this Mr. Halliday, and it was purchased by his son, the present claimant's grandfather, and in the conveyance the pew was described as appurtenant to the house. In the pew-books there was an entry in the year 1790 under "Pews granted on three lives-Mr. Halliday;" the other pews granted bare the word "family." In 1851 there was an entry against this pew, "Edward Halliday, freehold;" and there were four other pews in the same book marked as freehold, which are now all gone. On behalf of Mr. Halliday it was urged that this evidence of user raised a strong presumption of a legal origin in a grant by a faculty annexing the pew to the house. It was also contended that section 2 of the Prescription Act applied. The result of the original trial in June last was that Mr. Justice Day held that the pew was occupied merely by permission of the churchwardens, and not under a faculty, and that the Prescription Act did not apply. He accordingly gave judgment for the vicar and churchwardens. On the appeal, however, this decision was reversed.

Mr. Jeune, Q.C., who appeared with Mr. A. B. Kempe, on behalf of the claimant of the pew, admitted that the payment of 5s. to the churchwardens in 1680 for the ground on which to put a seat was not a legal origin of the user or occupation of a pew. But it was not material that the origin of the user was shown, provided it did not preclude the possibility of its having resulted in a good title. [Lord Justice Bowen—You would say that it is not so much material what was the first act of user, or how it began, as a question whether or not there was a legal origin which explains the present user?]—Precisely so. It may be that the user even began illegally, or not lawfully, but it may nevertheless have become legal, and it ought to be presumed to have become so if it be possible. Even though it appears that the user had an origin not lawful, still, after it had subsisted two hundred years unchallenged, it ought to be presumed that it had become legal. [Lord Esher—You do not deny that if the other side can show acts and facts inconsistent with the user that would destroy it?] What sort of facts? If a user can be shown inconsistent with ours,

then it might be so. Otherwise not so. [Lord Esher-Here the Judge at the trial held that there were such facts proved as were inconsistent with the user]—The question is whether the facts proved were so. [Lord Esher-If it could be proved that the churchwardens had dealt with the pew as with any other pew?]—If they had dealt with it either by repairing it, or by putting other persons into it and exercising power over it, that might be inconsistent with, and tend to contradict our user, no doubt. [Lord Esher-Then the question practically is whether it was so in this case?]-No doubt. Here there may have been, by faculty or otherwise, a legal title. [Lord Fustice Fry—Could a leaseholder have had a faculty for a pew?]—Yes, certainly, that has been held. As to the vestry books, they support our case, for they show the churchwardens dealing with other pews, and not with this. [Lord Esher-The strength of your case is the actual user and occupation of the pew?]—That is so undoubtedly, and in his judgment Mr. Justice Day held there had been such a user and occupation by the plaintiff and his ancestors or predecessors, owners and occupiers of the same house for more than two centuries, though he went on to say that he could not infer a faculty, nor presume any legal title to the pew.

Sir Walter Phillimore, Q.C., who appeared with Mr. H. C. Richards and Mr. W. H. C. Payne on behalf of the vicar and churchwardens, did not dispute the doctrine of ancient enjoyment, but he did not think the authorities went far enough to support the plaintiff in this case. The evidence here (he said) is consistent with the plaintiff and his ancestors having had no legal title whatever, every fact being equally consistent with that supposition as with that of a legal title. [Lord Esher-Are not repairs more consistent with the view that they considered they had a right to the pew?] Sir W. Phillimore—Certainly; but they may have relied on illegal grants for lives. There was nothing but mere occupation of the pew. [Lord Esher-In a case of occupation for two or three centuries, during which it might have been disputed, which is more likely—that there was a legal right, or that all that time there was an illegal enjoyment never disputed?] Sir W. Phillimore—That may be a question. The case of Arundel Chancel, which has been referred to, turned a good deal upon architectural evidence. [Lord Justice Bowen-The general principle of a legal title inferred from long user was recognized. And the question is whether, on the facts in this case, that principle should be applied?] Sir W. Phillimore-That is so, no doubt; but the facts here are not sufficient. The vestry books contain nothing to support the plaintiff's case. [Lord Esher—The question is whether they contain anything against it.] Sir W. Phillimore-The books contain numerous entries throughout the last century of payments to the churchwardens of sums of 5s. for pews to be enjoyed for life, and though there is no express mention of the plaintiff's pew, it may have been included. [Lord Esher-Silence is against you.] Sir W. Phillimore -But the books contain nothing against our view. [Lord Justice Bowen-But the fact that there is no mention of this pew raises a probability rather in favour of the presumption set up by the plaintiff.] Sir W. Phillimore-Many entries by the churchwardens are of lump sums received by them for pews, no names being mentioned, and this pew may have been among them; so no presumption arises either way. This was not likely to be a private pew, for it was in an aisle, and the aisles would be occupied last, because, being at the sides, they are not so convenient for hearing or singing. [Lord Esher-I do not quite follow that. I think the squire of the parish would have rather preferred a place where he could sleep comfortably. The squire's pew was often rather in a corner.] Sir W. Phillimore-No doubt it often is, with high sides and curtains, behind which he could sleep securely. Sometimes an aisle might be private property, but here it could not have been a

private aisle, for there is a font at the end of it, so that it must in the strictest sense have been part of the church. All the evidence is consistent with grants by the churchwardens of this pew for successive lives. [Lord Esher—You are asking us to make presumptions against the long possession, instead of which we ought rather to make presumptions in favour of it.] Sir W. Phillimore—The evidence is consistent with the absence of a legal title. [Lord Justice Rowen-You assume grants of the pews for lives, but how many?] Sir W. Phillimore-Not more than three lives. [Lord Justice Bowen-Then how is it they are not entered?] Sir W Phillimore—They were not all in existence. [Lord Justice Fry-Grants for lives must be for existing lives, surely? No one ever heard of grants for lives of persons not in esse.] Sir W. Phillimore—Not of estates; but as to pews, it appears to have been the practice—that is, to grant a pew for the life of a man, and two lives after. [Lord Fustice Fry-Do you suppose that there could be such a thing as a grant of a pew to a man and then to his son, when he had one, and then to his grandson when born?] Lord Justice Bowen-He might not even be married; still less could he be certain that he would have a son. [Lord Esher-Least of all could he be certain that his son would marry and have a son.] Sir W. Phillimore-Nevertheless it rather appears from the parish books that it sometimes was so-that a man had a grant of a pew for his own life and two lives afterwards. Of course, in grants of estates a life not in being cannot be put in, nor can the grantee have a right to put in any new life he pleases. But these parish books are not regulated on strict legal principles. There is an actual entry in the book in 1790 of "pews granted for three lives," and under that head there is "Mr. Halliday's pew." [Lord Fustice Bowen-When did old Mr. Halliday die, and at what age?] Sir W. Phillimore-In 1886, at the age of eighty. [Lord Justice Bowen-So his life was not in being at the time of that entry?] Sir W. Phillimore—That is so, no doubt. Old Mr. Halliday, however, was himself churchwarden, and in his handwriting there is an entry referring to a list of "pews sold or leased for lives," there being no exception of his own, which shows it was the practice; and it will account for the long-continued enjoyment in the same family, especially as it was a very long-lived family. [Lord Fustice Fry-What inference do you draw from that?] Sir W. Phillimore-This. that as there is no exception of his pew, it is an admission under his own hand that his pew was either sold or "leased for lives," and either view is fatal to the presumption of title now set up for his family. [Lord Esher-You assume that the list is a list of all the pews in the church including his own? Sir W. Phillimore-That is a natural inference, none being excepted. [Lord Justice Bowen pointed out that in a parish book four pews, including this one, were entered by themselves in 1810 as "freehold." Sir W. Phillimore—That rather assists my argument, for it means a pew held for life, which would be freehold. [Lord Justice Fry-But other pews certainly leased for lives are not so entered.] Sir W. Phillimore—That is so. and, no doubt, that is a fact against the argument, but the word "freehold" is often used loosely, and in this instance there is no mention of the pew as connected with or belonging to Halliday's house, as is usual with pews really freehold in the fullest sense. It is only connected with the name of the family, not the mansion or the estate, so that it is quite consistent with a mere lease for life or lives, and does not show a pew appurtenant to a freehold estate. And in the memorandum made by Mr. Halliday in 1834 he calls it his "family pew," and makes no mention of his mansion or his estate. [Lord Esher-He calls it the "family pew," and he meant the same thing. Few of these old squires knew anything of faculties or "pews appurtenant to estates."] Sir W. Phillimore - There is no entry to connect the pew

with the house, which would be the only legal ground of title. [Lord Esher—The old squire knew nothing about that.] Lord Justice Fry-It is proved that the pew was locked and that the family had the key. Would that be lawful without a faculty or legal title? [Lord Justice Bowen-Are pews ever, in fact, locked, unless annexed to some house?] Sir W. Phillimore—Oh, certainly, it has often happened, and the pews all swept away on the next restoration of the church. It cannot be denied that the fact of repairs to the pew by the family showed that they believed it to be theirs. [Lord Justice Fry-Surely it goes further than that? Would it not be unlawful without a faculty, or unless the pew was his own?] Sir W. Phillimore—A faculty would not take away the trespass if the pew were not his own. [Lord Justice Fry—Then it would be evidence that the pew was his own.] Sir W. Phillimore— There would be a technical trespass instantly unless the pew was his own. [Lord Justice Bowen-I do not understand a "technical trespass."] Sir W. Phillimore-Undoubtedly Mr. Halliday had the pew for life or lives, and therefore he would naturally repair it. So that the facts of repairs by the plantiff's family does not much advance the case. There is no case in which mere long occupation, the origin of it being shown, has been held to be sufficent to support a presumption of a faculty, and there are cases in which, under such circumstances, the court has refused to draw the inference ("Stocks v. Booth," I Term Rep. 428). [Lord Fustice Bowen - There was only sixty years' possession then, and no repairs by the plaintiff proved. [Lord Esher— And it was not alleged that the pew was annexed to any ancient tenement. [Lord Fustice Bowen—It was not alleged, because it could not be proved.] Sir W. Phillimore— The decision did not go on that ground. [Lord Esher—We think it did.] Sir W. Phillimore then cited "Rogers v. Brooks," I Term Rep. 431, where it was said that there could not be a grant of a pew without a faculty. [Lord Esher—But in that case the court said, "After so long a possession we will presume anything in favour of the plaintiff." Sir W. Phillimore—That is, as against another parishioner. [Lord Esher -No; in favour of long possession.] Sir W. Phillimore then cited "Morgan v. Curtis" (3, "Manning and Ryland's Reports"), where it appeared that the pew had been built by Lord Hood; but there was no proof of a faculty. [Lord Fustice Fry—But there was no evidence of exclusive possession.] Lord Esher—And the jury found against the claim; in truth, there was not sufficient evidence of it. [Sir W. Phillimore -Lord Hood had occupied it for thirty years.] Lord Justice Bowen-But after that others had occupied it. That is a very different case from the present, where there has been occupation in the same family for 200 years. [Sir W. Phillimore—No doubt it is a question of degree. But a purchaser used the pew afterwards for twenty-four years, and altogether there is a user of fifty years and more. In that case, however, the court said that "mere occupation was not sufficient to ground the right."] Lord Esher—There were no repairs by the plaintiff in that case. [Sir W. Phillimore—In "Griffiths v. Matthews" (5 Term Reports) the earlier cases were commented on. Prescription implies a lost grant; it means a length of user from which a faculty may be presumed. No doubt, in the case cited, the pew was recent; here it is ancient; that is a question of degree. \[Lord Esher—There must be at least a user of twenty years to start with, and there is a vast difference between a user of twenty years and two hundred. [Sir W. Phillimore—That is so, no doubt. In these cases, however, the juries declined to presume faculties, and the court concurred with them. On that question your lordships are jurymen.] Lord Esher-Jurymen with legal minds who understand the effect of two hundred years' engagement. [Sir W. Phillimore—No doubt; but why was not a faculty produced, or the records referred to?] Lord Esher-It was two hundred years ago; and we must not presume that the records in the

Bishop's Register are perfect, and that no faculty was omitted. [Sir W. Phillimore—There is no difficulty in preserving faculties if ever granted. There are a number of them in Oughton's book—faculties for pews. There is a double record of faculties—there is the actual faculty itself, and there is the record of it; how is it that neither is produced?] Lord Esher—You have not proved a search. [Sir W. Phillimore—It may be presumed that the other side have searched for it.] Lord Esher—You have not proved that you searched for it and did not find it. [Sir W. Phillimore—Mr. Justice Day was not satisfied of it.] Lord Esher—The learned judge overlooked this—that there might be a presumption of it. [Sir W. Phillimore—He did, no doubt; and there may be such a presumption. But here the whole of the facts are inconsistent with it.]

At the close of the protracted arguments, the three Judges conferred for a few minutes, and then proceeded to give judgment, that the claimant was entitled to the pew. Lord Esher said the question was whether the claimant had a right to the pew, as appurtenant to his house in the parish. He might prove it in three ways—(1) by showing a common law prescriptive right—that is, that he and his predecessors had from time immemorial, or beyond legal memory, such possession of the pew, as to show it to be appurtenant to his house; (2) by showing user for a sufficient time under the Prescription Act; (3) by showing such a case as to justity the court in presuming a faculty. The plaintiff, however, had not said that he had proved a common law right, and the court was not going to decide as to the statutory right. And therefore the case turned upon whether the plaintiff had shown enough to justify the court in presuming a lost faculty. What had been proved was that for 200 years the claimant and his predecessor, who happened to be of his own family, had owned a house in the parish, and that during the whole of that time they had been in possession of this pew and had the key to it, so that he had the exclusive use of it; and that when his house was leased or conveyed it was leased or conveyed with the pew, and that he repaired it from time to time. These facts were prima facie evidence that he had the pew as appurtenant to his house. A short period of such possession would not have been sufficient. But this was an exclusive possession for 200 years, and the court ought to presume in favour of such a long-continued possession that there had been a faculty. It was difficult to conceive such a possession never challenged or disputed until now, unless it was under a legal title, especially as some of the acts done would have been illegal unless done under such a title. It was said, indeed. that the plaintiff's predecessors originally came into possession of the pew under such circumstances that it could not be the origin of a legal right. And if the question had been as to a prescription it might have been so, but not where the question was whether the court should presume the giving of a faculty for the pew. For it was quite consistent that such a faculty might have been afterwards obtained after the original giving of possession in itself inadequate to confer a title. He avoided calling the faculty a grant because he desired to avoid giving any opinion as to whether it would come within the Prescription Act. But he thought the evidence was prima facie such as to justify the court in presuming that a faculty had been obtained. The vicar and churchwardens attempted to destroy this case by showing facts inconsistent with a faculty, but they had not done so. There was nothing in the parish books—bearing in mind the nature of the plaintiff's case—inconsistent with it. On the contrary, it appeared that this pew and two or three others were not dealt with as the others, but were described as "freehold." There was nothing in the books to affect the presumption which ought to be drawn in favour of long possession. Had the period been shorter, had it been twenty-five or thirty years, he might not have drawn the same presumption, but after a possession like this, of two centuries, and accompanied by such acts and facts, he thought the court ought to draw it.

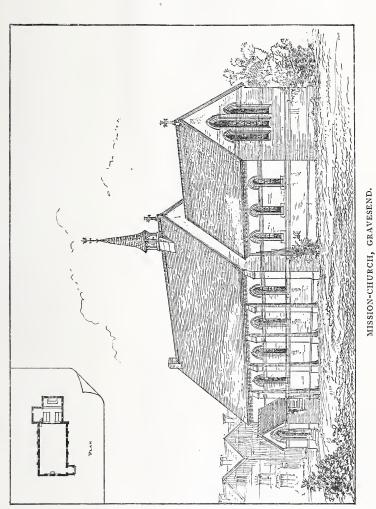
In concurring, Lord Justice Bowen observed that there was no principle in our law more sacred than that of paying respect to ancient and quiet possession of a man and his predecessors, so as not to call upon him after a long lapse of time to produce express proofs of his title. If this principle were to be departed from the most ancient rights would soon disappear, and the country would become a prey to confusion and litigation. The right which was claimed in this case was one in favour of which every presumption ought to be made, if the plaintiff succeeded in showing, as he had done here, that for a long period he and his predecessors had been in possession of the house, and in the enjoyment of the pew-and as against the vicar and churchwardens-the presumption was that there must have been rightful origin to it, at some time or other, and some creation of a legal right. For the right was claimed as against the churchwardens and the vicar, as it might have existed under a faculty, by which such a right could have been granted us appurtenant to his house. And this the plaintiff had shown by proving acts of user, only explainable on the presumption of a faculty obtained within the time of legal memory. As to the presumption of a lost deed, there was no distinction between a faculty and a grant, though there might be a question whether proof of a lost faculty would be within the Prescription Acts. In this case the pew was built by one of the plaintiff's predecessors, and had been exclusively occupied by him and his predecessors and had been repaired by them and conveyed with the house. Then in the parish books it appeared that this and three other pews were entered separately as "freehold;" and there was the remarkable entry by old Mr. Halliday in his diary in which he described this as his "old family pew," which meant a pew which went in the family, and went with the house. From all these facts the court must draw the presumption of a legal origin of the user-by means of a faculty-which need not have been obtained when the possession first commenced, but might have been at any time afterwards.

In arriving at the same conclusion, Lord Justice Fry remarked that "possession is nine points of the law" was an ancient legal maxim, which was well illustrated by this case. Where there had been long, continued, and exclusive possession, the court was bound to presume that at some time it had had a legal origin; and not the less so because when it first commenced it might not have had a legal origin. If the facts were more consistent with the theory of a legal origin at some time than with the theory of an unlawful possession, then the presumption should be drawn. The facts proved imposed upon the court the duty of drawing the presumption of a faculty having been granted at some time for the pew.

Judgment was accordingly given for Mr. Halliday, accompanied by a declaration that he was entitled to a pew on the site of the one which had been removed, and also an injunction restraining interference with it.

S. James's, Grabesend, Mission Church.

IT is proposed to erect shortly in the parish of S. James's, Gravesend (Rev. A. Briggs, Vicar), a Mission Church to seat



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250 people. The population of this parish is large and poor, and the district in which the Mission Church will stand is utterly destitute of any place of worship or a Sunday-school. The cost of the new building is estimated at £700, towards which £500 has been already raised. An excellent site has been given by the Earl of Darnley, at the junction of the Wingfield and Wrotham roads. We hope that Churchmen and those interested in Mission work will assist in strengthening the hands of those already doing their utmost to raise the remainder of the sum required for this important work. The plans of the Mission Church have been prepared by W. Bassett-Smith, Esq., 10, John Street, Adelphi, and we give an illustration showing the exterior and the arrangement of the plan.

The nave is forty-six feet long by twenty-five feet wide, and has a porch near the west end; the chancel is twenty-three feet by sixteen feet, with a vestry on the north side. At the arch between the nave and chancel there will be a high open screen, which can, when required, be closed by curtains or shutters, so that the main body of the building may be used for a school or other mission purposes.

A somewhat similar Mission Church is now being erected at Rochester by the same architect.

Reviews, Aotices, &c.

"Sorrow, Sin, and Beauty," is the striking title of a most helpful book, containing three sets of addresses delivered during Holy Week (in different years) as a preparation for Good Friday, by the Rev. R. C. Moberley, Vicar of Great Budworth (Rivingtons). Sorrow and Sin, which may be said to sum up the misery of life, are shown to be possible factors in forming that Beauty of character, which God has designed for each of us. The line of thought is as follows:—Sorrow is considered under four aspects: as a Privilege, "a distinctive privilege and dignity of man," not belonging to anything lower in creation; as a Reforming and as an Educating Power; and lastly as a means of Fellowship with Christ.

The next set of addresses is on SIN: first, as that of which I am conscious; next, as that which I inherit as a child of Adam, and which also I have identified myself with by my own acts of wilful sin; "not only my inherited nature but my personal individuality is tainted long since." Further, Death is shown to be, not an arbitrary punishment, but the necessary end of the mortal disease of Sin. "Sin

issues in death;" but lastly, this *End* becomes, through union with the Second Adam, the *seed-plot* of the new life to him that is buried with Christ. "Then I too shall have died; but so died as to live for ever."

Beauty is the attractive subject of the third set. Beauty, that *impalpable* something which we admire in form, or colour, or character, that which the eye, bodily or spiritual, delights to rest on: this, my brother, you have; for this you are being unconsciously trained; to attain to this, as it is a "universal possibility," "so it is the proper end and meaning of *all* lives." "Beauty in the Cross" completes the set and the book. "Beauty in absolute perfectness is God... One human Life has on earth been perfect in Beauty," and "Beauty in the Cross" shows the *relation* of Sorrow and Sin to Beauty. Let those who desire to watch by the Cross and see, however dimly, "The King in His Beauty," read this book and see how the Sorrow may be the crucible in which the Body of Sin having died, may be quickened into the new life of perfect Beauty, by the awakening of the Second Adam who is made a Quickening Spirit. Thus may every Benoni (son of Sorrow and Sin) be helped by this book to become a Benjamin, attaining through his Master's Cross to the Beauty of His Resurrection.

Mohammed and Mohammedanism (Rivingtons), by the Rev. S. W. Koelle, Ph.Dr. It is perhaps not too much to say that no book has been published in the English language which throws more light upon the real character of the founder of Islam than does this. The learned author is not concerned with the development and political history of the spread throughout a large part of the world of the religion of which the Koran is the "written word;" but he has set himself to trace to their original source all the information that can be gathered respecting Mohammed himself, and the means he took for placing himself in the position to which he finally attained as the political and religious head and chief of a people, formerly broken up into many different and frequently antagonistic tribes, but under him welded into a powerful unit. For this work our author was well fitted. For over thirty years he has lived amongst the very people who cling to Mohammedanism. He has made himself thoroughly familiar with their language, their literature, their modes of thought, their inherited vices and their virtues; and by the light of the testimony rendered by Mohammedan writers, he has pictured in a masterly way what this religion is, and what its founder was. Mohammed has so frequently been represented with an environment of poetic beauty, that it has been thought by many unkind to speak harshly of one who, in the midst of an idolatrous heathenism, boldly proclaimed the worship of One God and utterly destroyed the heathen shrines. But Dr. Koelle presents him to us in a far different light. The profession of monotheism amongst the Arabs did not originate with him; he adopted it as a political move, and upon it based his cunning, crafty schemings for the overthrow of existing governments and putting himself at the head of all. In his character there is little or nothing to admire-much to disgust. It is indeed a marvel—only to be accounted for by our Lord's words, "Many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many"-how persons could be attracted to Islam. Dr. Koelle has with calm, persevering criticism laid bare the whole mass of deceit and imposture upon which this religion is based. and he has done that simply by going to Mohammedan sources for his material. This book ought to be widely read and carefully studied.

The Acts to the Revelation (Rivingtons). We noticed some time ago the Rev. E. T. Cardale's edition of the four Holy Gospels according to the Authorized Version, with variations of type in the use of capital letters, and with marginal notes. What he did for that portion of the New Testament he has now done for the remaining

portion thereof. It seems a pity that the principle of his arrangement was not adopted by the Revisers of 1881.

Wales and the Welsh Church (Rivingtons). The appearance of this book, which is partly a biographical sketch of the late Dean of Bangor, and partly a collection of papers and speeches by him, is rendered more noticeable by the consecration, on the 25th March, of his brother, the Rev. A. G. Edwards, as Bishop of S. Asaph. (We have observed, by the way, that the new Bishop signs his name A. G. Asaph, thus adopting the Latin form.) Wales has produced of late years few Churchmen of the same vigour of mind, devoted Churchmanship, and unswerving attachment to the principality as the late Dean. His life, so sadly terminated at an early age, is that of one overwrought; a body not equal to the intellectual power of the mind. This brief biography is very interesting; and the collection of original compositions, though somewhat out of date, is well worth reading, now that the case of the Church in Wales is prominently to the fore.

The Name of Names (Rivingtons). A brief sermon by Dr. Liddon preached in S. Paul's Cathedral on the Feast of the Circumcision, 1889.

In the Foreign Church Chronicle (Rivingtons) a word is said in favour of the Spanish consecration by Irish Bishops. We are glad that the wish expressed has not been fulfilled, and that the Irish Bishops have judiciously decided not to disturb the peace of the Church by any such unwise action.

Quarterly List of Amounts received, from all Sources, in aid of the Church Building Society.

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Special Appeals.

TWO THOUSAND POUNDS required to reconstruct a badly-built church. Parishioners all poor, and the few property-owners in difficulties. Urgent need. Address: Rev. W. Hooper, Shadforth Rectory, Durham.

A PPEAL FOR AID.—£400, or 3200 half-crowns, required to complete the rebuilding of the ancient Chapel of Chilton-super-Polden. Pray help a poor Parish. Contributions thankfully received by the Incumbent, or by Messrs. Stuckey and Co., Bankers, Bridgwater.

MARGARET'S, ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—
This very ancient Church is in a most dilapidated condition, and in some parts falling to pieces. Parishioners are chiefly agricultural. There is no large landowner resident. If this work be accomplished, it must be chiefly through aid outside the parish. Contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rev. C. R. Covey, Alderton Rectory, Cheltenham.

PARISH OF S. PETER'S, TADLEY, HANTS.—£360 very urgently needed. Six years ago so little organization existed in this parish that there was not so much as the *form* of a Sunday School, nor more than about ten Communicants in a population of over a thousand. We are thankful that great apparent progress marks both these aspects of the Church's work. Further, an iron Church, in which are held daily morning and evening services, and frequent celebrations of the Holy Communion, to supplement the services at the distant Parish Church, an iron room, and a rectory house, have been built. But a debt remains of £307 4s. 4d., which must be quickly met in some way or other. Contributions will be most thankfully received by the Treasurer, C. W. Chute, Esq, the Vyne, Basingstoke, or by the Rev. C. N. Oliver, Tadley, Basingstoke.

M ISSION-ROOM, BROMPTON, CHATHAM.—A Mission-room is much needed for this poor and populous parish, the cost of which is estimated at £1000. Amount already received or promised, £584 17s. The following donations have since been received and are gratefully acknowledged:—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Rochester, £10; Right Rev. Bishop Perry, £2 2s.; Mrs. William Conway, £10; The Venerable the Archdeacon of Rochester, £3 3s.; The Very Reverend the Dean of Westminster, £2 2s.; Incorporated Church Building Society, £20. Donations towards the above object will be gratefully received by Dr. Weekes, Treasurer, Mansion House, Brompton, Chatham, or the Honorary Secretary, Brompton Vicarage, or may be paid into the account of "Brompton Mission Room," London and Provincial Bank, Chatham.

CHRIST CHURCH MISSION, COLLEGE PARK, KENSAL GREEN, W.—This Mission district contains a growing population of about 10,000 people. For six years the only Church of England place of worship there was a small shop, capable of accommodating sixty people in great discomfort. A new Mission-room has just been dedicated by the Bishop of Marlborough. It provides for 350 worshippers. A debt of £200 hangs over the building, not including a large room, which, for want of another £200, has been for the present omitted. The Bishop of London "warmly recommends this case to the liberality of all Christian people." The Bishop of Marlborough, after a visit of inspection, writes thus:-"The difficulties attending this Mission are great. The population is rapidly increasing, and very poor. I consider the case very urgent. I trust that you will receive assistance from outside, without which I fear you will not be able to complete the Church and carry on the work. I feel sure that the poverty of the district is so great that assistance from outside is needed as much and as sorely as in any district in the whole Diocese of London." G. A. Spottiswoode, Esq., Vice-chairman of the House of Laymen, wrote as follows :- "I do not know of any place in the Diocese more really destitute, or where a strenuous effort is more necessary than the district of Christ Church, College Park.' Treasurer, E. Parker Young, Esq., M.R.C.S. and City Councillor, 30, Westbourne Square, W. Honorary Secretary, The Rev. William M. Blandford, Mission Curate, I, Manor Park Crescent, Harlesden, N.W. Cheques to be crossed National Bank, S. Peter's Park, W.

PARISH CHURCH OF ABERYSTWYTH. S. MICHAEL'S.—A new Church is urgently needed in the place of the present barn-like, damp, and comfortless structure. Estimated total cost, £7000. Nearly £4000 has, with great difficulty, been collected in a town and neighbourhood which are really poor. Rather more than £3000 is still required, and an earnest appeal is made to Churchmen generally for aid in raising this sum, so that the building may be proceeded with immediately. The very marked and steady increase of the Church's influence in this, the most important centre in Western Wales, makes the work in hand all the more pressing, and important to the Church at large—DO, THEREFORE, HELP US. Contributions, either towards the general fund or towards any special portion of the fabric or furniture, will be most thankfully received by the Rev. J. H. Protheroe, Vicar of Aberystwyth. Cheques should be crossed "National Provincial Bank, Aberystwyth."

A LL SOULS', HARLESDEN.—Funds are urgently needed to complete the Church in this rapidly growing neighbourhood. 1000 houses built since 1881. Population, 10,000. No wealthy residents. Tender for work, £3500. £1400 raised, and £250 promised if £2000 is made up by April 26th. Rev. H. Courtenay Atwool, All Souls' Vicarage, and Arthur Ball, Esq., 2, Connaught Road, Harlesden, N.W., Joint Treasurers.

ORDERS requested for Surplices, Lawn or Linen; made to order in any shape that may be desired; work and materials very good. Prices from One Guinea. Choir Surplices at moderate prices according to size. Proceeds for St. Mabyn Church Fund. Address Mrs. Glencross, Colquite, Bodmin.



THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

[Notice is hereby given that the Society has removed to more commodious offices at No. 7, Dean's Yard, Westminster.]

The Seventy-first Anniversary of the Society.

THE Annual General Court of this Society was held at 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Thursday afternoon, May 16th, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of CHICHESTER, who was supported by the Archdeacon of Essex, the Rev. Canon T. W. Perry, the Rev. Dr. R. T. West, the Rev. G. Miller, the Rev. C. F. Norman, Lord Robartes, General Gillilan, Colonel the Hon. G. H. W. Windsor-Clive, Mr. A. Powell, Mr. F. H. Rooke, Mr. James Hilton, and others.

After opening the Meeting with prayer, the Secretary read the following letter:—

Lambeth Palace, S.E. Feb. 23, 1889.

DEAR MR. BLAKISTON,

The Archbishop desires me to say that the engagements of Convocation Week would prevent his presiding at the Annual General Court of the Church Building Society, on the 16th of May.

He would have been very glad to do so if it had been possible, in return for the Society's many kindnesses.—Yours very truly,

St. CLAIR DONALDSON,

Chaplain.

Letters expressing regret at inability to attend had also

been received from the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Carlisle, the Bishop of Peterborough, the Bishop of Ely, and the Bishop of Wakefield.

The Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON, Secretary, presented an abstract of the seventy-first annual Report of the Committee, which opened with an expression of regret that there had been a considerable decrease in the income for the past year, as compared with that of the year preceding. This was mainly to be accounted for by the much larger amount received in legacies during the previous year than in the year ending December, 1888. In that year legacies, which are a very uncertain source of income, were received amounting to only £1285, while in 1887 the Committee had £3881 placed at their disposal from this source. The amount received in 1888 from annual subscriptions, donations, &c., had been £6134 5s. 5d. It was added that it is believed if the Society were more widely known, many persons who do not now contribute would be willing to give at least a guinea annually, which is the minimum qualification for membership of the Corporation. This being one of the oldest and one of the most useful of Church Societies, ought not to suffer from a lack of new subscribers to take the places of those who pass away. It was stated that the Mission Buildings Fund continued to do a very useful work for the Church—a work that becomes more pressing as time goes on; but the Committee much desire to see the Fund more widely supported, as it should not be left to a few very generous and munificent donors to give by far the greater part of what is received towards this special work. At nine meetings held in 1888 the General Committee entertained favourably 108 applications for aid, and voted grants to the amount of £7570. In conclusion it was said that the Society's work has by no means drawn to a close, though its existence has been prolonged beyond three score years and ten. The vastness of the annual increment of the population necessitates continued vigilance on the part of the Church to see that the spiritual needs of the population are provided for.

The Archdeacon of Essex moved the adoption of the Report, and remarked that he very gladly did so. It was quite true that the work of the Society was not over, for, speaking of Essex

more especially, there were a good many Churches which needed restoration and enlargement, and there were 350,000 people in "London over the border" now for whom new Churches are required, and they would certainly have to come again and again to the Society for help in Church building and in the erection of Mission-rooms. The Mission-room now was the most important thing of all, for all they could hope to do in the first instance was to provide those coming with a humble building in which they might be gathered together as the nucleus of a new parish. They did not wish their income to be dependent upon legacies, and therefore the fact that this year the income was less on account of legacies having fallen off did not appear to him to be altogether a matter of regret. It was a matter of more serious regret when subscriptions and donations dropped off. He was not so ready as some are to distinguish between donations and subscriptions. Unless there was a distinct intimation he should treat all contributions as subscriptions to be applied for annually.

Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W. WINDSOR-CLIVE, in seconding, said that in glancing at the heading "Summary of Operations" there had not appeared to be any disinclination on the part of persons to apply. The number of those making applications for help in rebuilding and enlarging Churches had amounted to 83, and for Mission-buildings 40. This showed that the existence of the Society was appreciated throughout the country, and he only wished that they were able to supply larger pecuniary aid. Too much could hardly be said of the value of Mission-buildings, for the great work which may be accomplished through this humble agency was incalculable. As to Trust Funds for the Repairs of Churches, that formed a sphere of operations in which the Society can be of great benefit by becoming the proper guardians of such trusts.

The Resolution having been put from the Chair, was unanimously carried.

The Rev. C. A. Jones moved:—"That in the opinion of this Meeting the Incorporated Church Building Society still deserves the warmest support of all members of the Church of England in its all-important work of assisting in the erection of new

Churches and Mission-buildings to meet the ever-increasing wants of the population; of aiding in the extending, reparation, and enlargement of all Churches, and of carefully investing and dispensing the Trust funds for the maintenance of the fabrics of Churches committed to its charge." He was afraid, he said. that this Society had been somewhat injured by its own success. When the Society was founded some seventy years ago, the Diocesan Society was unknown; but now there was hardly a diocese in which a good work was not being done in the same way as this Society was at work; and hence, it might be added. arose the diminished help for this Society. They lived now in days of multiplied organizations, and the clergy were constantly being asked for help. There was no doubt that though the aid given is small, the liberality of the Society did help them even more than the grant. People were more ready to subscribe to the restoration of Churches when they saw that this Society were interested in the matter. It was most important that the services of the Church should be taken to the very doors of the inhabitants rather than that they should have to walk miles before they found a Church.

Mr. THORNTON seconded the Resolution which was carried.

The Right Rev. PRESIDENT said that the Agenda paper before him showed him that the time had come when "an address from the Chairman" was expected. He might at once say that he had no more right to address them beyond this, that he had observed the work of the Society for a longer period than most of them, and had seen it at work in different districts, in the manufacturing and the quieter districts of agricultural parishes. It was impossible in both cases not to see the influence which the Society was exerting. He remembered with gratitude that when there was a difference of opinion between the first Bishop of Manchester and the Society, the latter displayed the greatest magnanimity, and never forbore to make its grants. That was an instance of a Society overlooking small prejudices and doing its duty. The Society had been very much overshadowed by the number of Diocesan Societies; but he did not regret this, because he thought each Diocese ought to have its Church Building Society, but he was of opinion that a portion

of the income, a certain proportion of the income, should be given regularly to the funds of this Society. If that were done more generally the funds of this Society would be considerably improved. Its grants must necessarily be small, although there was no unwillingness to make. It was no reproach that their grants were small, because their resources were small, and it was reproach that could very easily be removed if Christian people would but look at it in the right light. Their plan of building was to get the cheapest and the best, and in this they were greatly assisted by the Reports of the Society's architects, who no doubt have often prevented undesirable restorations, and have often pointed out improvements in the building of Churches which have not occurred to the architect, and certainly not to the promoters. He was very glad to see that a large demand had been made for Wales, for every Churchman must really sympathize with the real troubles of the Church in Wales. the Church in Wales could have ten years' respite the ratio of Church and Dissent would be completely changed. It was impossible to say whether it would be allowed, but the Church in Wales is up and doing, and wondrously improving year after year. He agreed with all that had been said of Mission chapels. As to the value of bricks and mortar as compared with living agents, it should be borne in mind that when a living agent was appointed to a new district, the first request generally was for a school or a Church in which the people might be able to worship.

Lord ROBARTES moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop of Chichester for kindly presiding on this occasion.

The Rev. Canon T. W. PERRY, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he should be very thankful if funds came in to enable them to meet the cases which were now standing over. It was to be hoped that this Annual Meeting would have the effect of directing earnest attention to their need, and that in connection with these Mission-buildings it would soon be supplied.

The Right Rev. CHAIRMAN, having briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks, pronounced the Benediction, and the proceedings terminated.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, April the 18th, 1889, at 2 p.m.

Present-The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Camen Catenove EDWARD THORNTON. Esq.
Rev. C. Alfred Jones. Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston,
The Hom. Baron Dimsdale. Sacretary.
JAMES HULTON, Ess.

The available balances in hand were:

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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, G. Alan Lowndes, Esq., Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—.

L BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9328.—HEDGEFTELD, S. HILDA, near Ryton-on-Tyne. Dio. Durham.
—Deferred.

2.—No. 0262.—YSTAINFERA. S. DAVID's, in the parish of Llanguicke, near Swansea. Dio. S. David's.—Ystalyiera was until four years ago a most flourishing and prosperous place, large iron and tin works having been carried on for many years successfully by a Mr. Budd. A great depression in the iron trade overtook the country, and this place suffered in a pre-eminent degree, so that Mr. Budd was unable to carry out the good object he had in view of erecting a new Church for the benefit of his numerous employes. Divine Service has been carried on in an unconsecrated building and a liceused schoolroom, most unsuitable as places of worship, and especially incomvenient. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board strongly recommend this case to the Committee of this Society. The Church will hold 350, all seats free. Estimated cost. £2000. Applicant, Rev. D. Jones; Architect, Mr. J. B. Wilson, Swansea.—£200 voted.

II. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

3.—No. 9337.—BENNINGTON, S. PETER'S, near Stevenage. Dio. S. Alban's.— This Church was built A.D. 1330, partially repaired in 1880 at a cost of £100; the building is now dilapidated, especially the stunework, the floor, and seats. The applicant, the Rector of the parish, has undertaken to partially rebuild and restore the large Chancel, which is in a very dilapidated if not actually unsafe condition, the cost of which, including the seating, will amount to £1260. The parish has suffered much from the agricultural depression of recent years.—Estimated cost, £478. Applicant, Rev. W. Mills; Architect, Mr. John Oldrid Scott, London.—£25 voted.

4.—No. 9332.—CHIPPERFIELD, S. PAUL'S, near King's Langley. Dio. S. Alban's.

—This Church was built A.D. 1837. The structure is in good repair; it is in much need of improvement, there being a three-decker, and separate seats for the poor and rich, in most of which there is not room to kneel; the whole interior is so arranged as to be most prejudicial to reverence. The reduction of sittings is owing to the removal of a gallery holding 37 persons, counted in the present accommodation. Estimated cost, £791. Applicant, Rev. W. G. Sharpin; Architect, Mr. F. G. Howell, London.—£30 voted, subsequently reduced to £25.

5.—No. 7755.—Kennington Park, S. Agnes. Dio. Rochester.—This Church was built a.d. 1874, assisted by a grant of £250 from this Society. The present building, though nominally accommodating 1000, is practically unavailable for more than 700, owing to the fact that two side chapels are behind the pulpit and the preacher's voice; the result is there is not sufficient accommodation; moreover the unsightly and unfinished west end demands a completion, which has been deferred for want of funds. Estimated cost, £1050. Applicant, Rev. T. B. Dover; Architect, Mr. Temple E. Moore, London.—£40 voted.

6.—No. 9331.—LITTLE HORWOOD, S. NICHOLAS, near Winslow. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built about A.D. 1400. Repaired in 1830, assisted by a grant of £40 from this Society. The building is very dilapidated, the roof lets in the wet, the chancel arch is in danger of falling. The sum of £850 includes a new porch not comprised in the work to be done this year. Estimated cost, £850. Applicant, Rev. F. R. W. Malpas; Architects, Messrs. J. P. St. Aubyn & Wadling, London.—£25 voted.

7.—No. 9327.—LLANDOGO, near Chepstow. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church was rebuilt in 1858, assisted by a grant of £152 from this Society: the present state of the building is very good. Nearly all the parishioners are poor agricultural labourers. Estimated cost, £375. Applicant, Rev. Ll. A. Rees; Architects, Messrs. Seddon & Carter, Cardiff.—£10 voted.

8.—No. 9314.—LLANELIDAN, S. ELIDAN, near .Ruthin. Dio. St. Asaph.—This Church was partly built in the 12th and 15th centuries, partially repaired in 1830. The roof is very bad, and the whole in a dilapidated state. The building is about the last of the unrestored churches in the Vale of Clwyd. The population of the parish is 800, scattered over 5100 acres. The Church members are poor and utterly destitute of the means of restoring their Lord's House. Estimated cost, £1112. Applicant, Rev. T. Prichard; Architects, Messrs. Douglas & Fordham, Chester.—£30 voted.

9.—No. 9320.—LUDGARSHALL, S. MARY, near Aylesbury. Dio. Oxford.—Deferred.

10.—No. 9336.—MYDRIM, S. DAVID'S, near S. Clear'S. Dio. S. David'S.—This Church was partially repaired in 1869: it is now very dilapidated. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have promised to repair the Chancel exclusive of the contract for this restoration. Further help cannot be expected from the parishioners, and the applicant hopes this Society will give his case their kind consideration, especially as the parish has been greatly neglected for many years. The S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board recommend this case for a grant. Estimated cost, £320. Applicant, Rev. A. Britten; Architect, Mr. F. R. Kempson, Bromyard.—£20 voted.

11.—No. 9335.—NORMANTON-ON-SOAR, S. JAMES, near Loughborough. Dio. Peterborough.—This Church was built A.D. 1150, and partially repaired in 1845: the building is now very dilapidated. The parish is a poor agricultural one, and but little more assistance is to be looked for from the parish. Estimated cost, £1978. Applicant, Rev. Owen Orton; Architect, Mr. W. S. Weatherley, London.—£35 voted.

12.—No. 9317.—PUCKLECHURCH, S. THOMAS À BECKET, near Bristol. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—This Church was built in the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries; partially repaired in 1856. The chief outlay will be on the nave, roof, and walls, which are in a bad state; the flooring also is full of dry rot, and will have to be renewed. The masonry of the tower is very defective, and the tracery in most of the windows has been cut away, and must be restored. Estimated cost, £900. Applicant, Rev. Prebendary Barnard; Architect, Mr. J. D. Sedding, London.—£25 voted.

13.—No. 9334.—RODMERSHAM, S. NICHOLAS, near Sittingbourne. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church was built in the 15th century. Reseated and restored in 1875, assisted by a grant of £50 from this Society. It is now proposed to restore the south chapel, which runs parallel with and is of the same size as the chancel, and to seat it with chairs. Rodmersham is a small agricultural parish, and it is almost impossible in these hard times to raise the necessary funds without extraneous aid. Estimated cost, £700. Applicant, Rev. W. J. Mellor; Architect, Mr. G. S. Stallwood, Reading.—£25 voted.

14.—No. 9333.—Southwark, Christ Church. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

III. FURTHER AID.

15.—No. 9026.—ALKHAM, S. ANTONY, near Dover. Dio. Canterbury.—The parish of Alkham is very poor without a resident gentleman. The applicant, the Rev. J. L. W. Valpy, has been hard at work begging for four years, and still requires £50 for the work.—£15 was granted in December, 1885. £5 additional voted, making £20 in all.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

16.—M.B.F., No. 705. —ARPLEY ROAD, PENGE. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

17.—M.B.F., No. 710.—CLAYTON BRIDGE, S. CUTHBERT, in the parish of All Saints', Newton Heath, near Manchester. Dio. Manchester.—Deferred.

18.—M.B.F., No. 709.—DOLLMAN STREET, in the parish of Ashted, near Birmingham. Dio. Worcester.—Deferred.

19.—M.B.F., No. 686.—FURNACE, in the parish of Llanelly. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

20.—M.B.F., No. 708.—Gravesend, S. James. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

21.—M.B.F., No. 706.—S. LLEURWG, in the parish of Hirwain, near Aberdare. Dio. Llandaff.—Deferred.

22.—M.B.F., No. 704.—THE GOOD SHEPHERD, in the parish of Seaton.—Dio. Exeter.—This Mission Church is to be built at Seaton and will be in the midst of the people. The parish Church is on the outskirts, and inconveniently situated, so that in the winter many of the residents find it difficult, in some cases impossible, to come to Church. The chief landowner is a Roman Catholic, from whom little help can be expected. To accommodate 280. Estimated cost, £640. Applicant, Rev. P. J. Richardson.—£20 voted.

23.-M.B.F., No. 712.-UPTON PARK, S. ALBAN'S. Dio. S. Alban's.-Deferred.

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A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, May the 16th, 1889, at 12 o'clock noon.

Present-The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. C. A. Jones.
Rev. Canon T. W. Perry.
Rev. Dr. R. T. West.
John Boodle, Esq.
Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. H. W.
Windsor-Clive.
J. F. France, Esq.

JAMES HILTON, Esq.
ARTHUR POWELL, Esq.
ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
EDWARD THORNTON, Esq.
Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON,
Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund				£2220)
General Fund Mission Buildings Fund				103 \ 2323
"R. M. Fund"				190
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, Edward Thornton, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

I.—No. 9299.—CWMBURLA, S. LUKE, in the parish of S. Peter's, Swansea. Dio. S. David's.—The district in which the proposed new Church is to be built is increasing very rapidly, and Church accommodation is very much needed. The inhabitants of the district are poor and not able to subscribe much towards the expense, but are willing and ready to do what they can. The sub-committee of the S. David's Diocesan Church Building Board have examined and approved the plans. The population of the whole parish is 5600, and of the district 2600. The estimated cost is £2700, and the Church will accommodate 500; all seats free.—Applicant, Rev. D. Roderick; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.—£225 voted.

2.—No. 9344.—Dunton Green, S. John, in the parish of Otford. Dio. Canterbury.—The district of Dunton Green contains a population of 800, nearly all of whom are of the poorer class. The new Church is to be for the present a Chapel of Ease, but a separate district is contemplated. The estimated cost is £1575, and the Church will hold 204, all seats free —Applicant, S. Wreford, Esq.; Architect, Mr. M.

Thomas Potter, Sevenoaks.—£100 voted.

3.—No. 9257.—GEORGETOWN, S. JAMES, in the parish of Tredegar. Dio. Llandaff.—There is but one Church in the parish for 18,000 people; the large majority of the inhabitants are working men and their families. This is the most populous parish in the Archdeaconry and county of Monmouth. There are 5000 people in the new district. The Church will hold 500, but 250 seats are to be pew-rented. Estimated cost, £2630. Applicant, Rev. T. Theophilus; Architects, Messrs. James

and Morgan, Cardiff. -£125 voted.

4.—No. 9328.—HEDGEFIELD, S. HILDA, in the parish of Ryton-on-Tyne. Dio. Durham.—Hedgefield is not an ordinary pit village. The district is close to the river Tyne, and about 1½ miles from the populous town of Blaydon, so that it is more than probable in a few years the population will be considerably increased by other classes of workmen coming to reside there. The want of Church room is very great. The Parish Church will not accommodate more than 400 people, and is barely sufficient for the village of Ryton. Thirty houses in the parish of Blaydon will use this new Church, it being much nearer than their own Church. Estimated cost, £2579. The accommodation will be for 300, all seats free.—Applicant, Rev. Canon T. H. Chester; Architects, Messrs. Oliver & Leeson, Newcastle.—£60 voted (the largest sum possible under Rule XXXIII.)

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

5.—No. 9308.—Grey Mare Hill, S. Andrew, in the parish of Shotley. Dio. Newcastle.—This Church was built in 1769 on an old foundation, as fragments of an earlier building exist in the walls. About the year 1830, owing to the workings of a colliery underneath, the building became unsafe and was abandoned. In the year 1848 a careful survey was made and reported that as the workings were disused, the Church might safely be rebuilt with the old materials, but nothing has been done up to the present time. The rebuilding will cost £590, and the Church will hold 75,

all seats free.—Applicant, Rev. R. W. Wilson; Architect, Mr. J. W. W. Wilson, Shotley.—£20 voted.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

6.—No. 9061.—EARSDON, S. ALBAN'S, near Newcastle-on-Tyne. Dio. Newcastle.—This Church was rebuilt A.D. 1835, assisted by a grant of £400 from this Society: the building is in a very bad state of repair. By the proposed renovation the number of sittings in the Church will be reduced by the removal of a gallery holding 90: the said gallery is useless and dangerous, and the seats on the groundfloor are too narrow. Estimated cost, £540.—Applicant, Rev. E. Greenhow; Architects, Messrs. Hicks & Charlwood, Newcastle.—£15 voted.

7.—No. 8738.—IVYCHURCH, S. GEORGE, near Folkestone. Dio. Canterbury.— This Church was built in the 14th century: new buttresses were put up thirty years ago: the building is now very dilapidated. Since the plans were approved in July, 1888, the work has proceeded, and the whole of the south aisle has been restored, and the tower and chancel at a cost of £600. It is desired now to reseat the nave at a cost of about £100.—Applicant, Rev. W. C. L. Wingate; Architect, Mr. R. T. Blomfield, London.—£20 voted.

8.—No. 9320.—Ludgarshall, S. Mary, near Aylesbury. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built A.D. 1300 and the roof replaced thirty years since. The Church is interesting architecturally, and still more so historically, as John Wiclif was rector here from 1368 to 1374. Ludgarshall parish is a very poor one, and without any resident gentry. The estimated cost is £1083.—Applicant, Rev. F. F. Morgan; Architect, Mr. F. C. Penrose, London.—£25 voted.

9.—No. 9333.—Southwark, Christ Church. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred on account of Rule XXXIII.

10.—No. 9339.—BERTHROYD, S. CYNON, in the parish of Llanfabon, near Treharris. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church was built A.D. 1861, assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society. This application is for the purpose of enlarging the choir and erecting an organ chamber. The extension of the former, which is most inconveniently small, is greatly needed. The district on behalf of which this application made is a very poor one. Estimated cost, £84.—Applicant, Rev. D. Leigh; Architects, Messrs. Seddon & Carter, Cardiff.—£5 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

11.—No. 9157 — TAXAL, S. JAMES, near Stockport. Dio. Chester.—The applicant, the Rev. S. Evans, asks that an additional grant may be voted towards the second contract, which is for new roofs and buttresses. The Diocesan Society has promised a further £25 for the works now contemplated.—Grant voted February, 1888, £25. £15 additional voted, making £40 in all.

V. Mission Buildings.

12.—M.B.F., No. 705.—ARFLEY ROAD, PENGE. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

13.—M.B.F., No. 710.—CLAYTON BRIDGE, S. CUTHBERT, in the parish of All Saints, Newton Heath. Dio. Manchester.—Declined.

14.—M.B.F., No. 709.—DOLLMAN STREET, in the parish of Ashted, near Birmingham. Dio. Worcester.—Declined.

15.—M.B.F., No. 686.—FURNACE, in the parish of Llanelly. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

16.—M B.F., No. 708.—Gravesend, S. James. Dio. Rochester.—The district in which this Mission building is to be erected contains a population of 1500 persons,

who reside at some distance from a Church: at present there is no chapel of any denomination, but the Wesleyans have a site for one. Estimated cost, £700; to accommodate 250.—Applicant, Rev. A. Briggs.—£35 voted.

17.—M.B.F., No. 706.—S. LLEURWG, in the parish of Hirwain, near Aberdare. Dio. Llandaff.—This building is intended for the whole of the parish. Increased accommodation is absolutely necessary, on account of the two languages. Two Welsh services and two English services, as well as two separate Sunday-schools, are held every Sunday. The parish Church is far too small. The Mission Room will be near the Church. This is a very poor mining district; the Church has been recently enlarged at a cost of £735, when all local resources were quite exhausted. Estimated cost, £450; to accommodate 300.—Applicant, Rev. W. Rhydderch.—£25 voted.

18.—M.B.F., No. 712.—UPTON PARK, S. ALBAN. Dio. S. Alban's.—The district in which it is proposed to erect this iron Mission Church contains a population of 2000, and rapidly increasing. The nearest Church is half a mile distant. The intention is to replace it eventually by a consecrated Church. Estimated cost, £400;

to hold 260.—Applicant, Rev. W. G. Trousdale.—£20 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 714.—WINLATON, S. PAUL, near Blaydon-on-Tyne. Dio. Durham.—Deferred.

IV. MISSION BUILDING. FURTHER AID.

20.—M.B.F., No. 684.—ASPLEY, S. PAUL, in the parish of Huddersfield S. Paul. Dio. Wakefield.—The applicant, the Rev. A. C. Ranger, asks to have the grant of £5 for enlarging this Mission Church increased, as a deficiency of £30 exists with little hope of raising the necessary funds.—£5 additional voted, making £10 in all.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:—

No. of	Grants.		. •	Diocese.			Amount.
2	2			Canterbury			£120
]	[Durham			60
]	[Chester			40
3	3			Llandaff			155
2	2			Newcastle			35
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I 4	- 1 -					Total	£720

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

10 4	•	-	General Fund Mission Buildings Fund	•	£635 85
14				Total	£720

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, 2, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, June the 20th, 1889, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Venerable the Archdeacon of Essex in the

Chair.

Rev. Canon Cazenove.
Rev. Canon T. W. Perry.
Rev. C. A. Jones.
Rev. C. F. Norman.
John Boodle, Esq.
-Lieut.-Col. the Hon. G. A. W.
Windsor-Clive.
J. F. France, Esq.

JAMES HILTON, Esq.
F. H. ROOKE, Esq.
G. ALAN LOWNDES, Esq.
ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
EDWARD THORNTON, Esq.
Rev. R. MILBURN BLAKISTON,
Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund				•	£16	79 l ₁	76 T
General Fund Mission Buildings Fund	١.					82) -	,,,,
"R. M. Fund" .							190
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. C. A. Jones, the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

1.—No. 9348.—CHERRY TREE, S. FRANCIS, in the parish of Livesey S. Andrew, near Blackburn. Dio. Manchester.—The population of this new district is now 5700 and rapidly increasing; at present services are held in the schoolroom, but the bulk of the population (4800) are a mile away. There is no building in their midst which can be used for Church purposes, whilst the roads are circuitous and unsafe. It is therefore proposed to erect a Church in a central position, for which an eligible site has been given. The inhabitants are all factory operatives. The Church when finally completed will cost £7500, and seat 601 persons. It is now proposed to expend £4400 on the first section of the work, and to provide accommodation for 437 persons; all seats free. The applicant is the Rev. J. B. Brown. Architects, Messrs. Aldridge & Deacon, Liverpool.—£15 voted (the largest sum possible under Rule XXXIII.).

2.—No. 9343.—LITTLE MEOLS, S. ANDREW, in the parish of West Kirby, Birkenhead. Dio. Chester.—The district has been rapidly changing from a thinly populated agricultural parish to a suburban watering-place. In the township of West Kirby, and the part of Little Meols, many new streets have been, and are still being formed, and new houses are constantly being erected, principally for the residence of people in business in Liverpool and Birkenhead. For some years there has been a great want of Church accommodation, the Parish Church has been in-

conveniently crowded. A wooden Church has recently been erected to hold 300 persons, to be used until the new Church is completed. It is proposed now to expend £3000, and provide accommodation for 447 persons. The whole Church when completed will hold 658; all seats free. The estimated cost is £5420. Applicant, Rev. Canon Eaton (since deceased); Architects, Messrs. Douglas & Fordham, Chester.—£80 voted (the largest sum possible under Rule XXXIII.).

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

3.—No. 9346.—BISHOPSTOKE, S. MARY. Dio. Winchester.—This Church was built A.D. 1823, assisted by a grant of £2600 from this Society, on the site of a former Parish Church (reputed to be Norman) which was pulled down. The present Church has long been regarded as not only affording very insufficient accommodation for the parishioners, but also as being both in its structure and general arrangements unworthy of its sacred purpose and of the parish. There is no chancel whatever, but there is a west gallery in which the choir and harmonium are placed. Estimated cost of rebuilding, £4405. Eighty-one additional seats will be obtained, making 344 in all. Applicant, Rev. J. P. Nash; Architect, Mr. E. P. Warren, London.-£100 voted.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

4.-No. 9531.-EARL SOHAM, S. MARY, near Wickham Market. Dio. Norwich -This Church was built A.D. 1470. Nothing but temporary patching, and the building of unsightly narrow pews has been done in the last 100 years. It is intended to do as much work as possible with the money in hand and promised, and complete the restoration in more prosperous times. The sittings must be reduced in number, as the present pews have much less than the minimum width from back to front. estimated cost is £1250. Applicant, Rev. R. Abbay; Architect, Mr. T. G. Jackson, London. - £50 voted.

5.—No. 9345.—LLANSILIN, S. SILIN, near Oswestry. Dio. S. Asaph.—This Church was built in the 13th century. There is no record of any repairs, and the building is very dilapidated. The present arrangement of the seats is very irregular, there being large square pews. Estimated cost, £1350. Applicant, Rev. D. Davies: Architect, Mr. A. Baker, London .- £60 voted.

6.-No. 8862.-Longfield, S. Mary Magdalene, near Dartford. Dio. Rochester. - Deferred, under Rule XXXIII.

7.—No. 9347.—MARCH BALDON, S. PETER. Dio. Oxford.—This Church was built at different periods between the 11th and 18th centuries. The fabric is very dilapidated. In the chancel are four seats forming unsuitable stalls, which are fairly comfortable. All the other seats in the Church are bad. They are many of them under 2 feet 6 inches from back to back, many are falling to pieces, none of them are within the Society's requirements, and they cannot therefore be reckoned; 143 persons are put into them, plus 20 in chancel seats. Estimated cost, £1270. Applicant, Rev. P. C. Bevan; Architects, Messrs. Somers Clarke & J. T. Micklethwaite, London.-£25 voted.

8.-No. 9350.-Presteign, S. Andrew. Dio. Hereford.-This Church was built about A.D. 1200, and was partially repaired in 1851. The building is now very dilapidated; every exertion is being made to carry out as much as possible the work recommended by the architect, which before it is completed will cost £7000. The Bishop of the Diocese strongly recommends this application, the circumstances of the parish being very peculiar. Applicant, Rev. A. W. West; Architect, Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., London. -£50 voted.

IV. FURTHER AID.

9.—CHILTON-UPON-POLDEN, S. EDWARD, near Bridgwater. Dio. Bath and Wells.—The applicant, the Rev. E. S. Elwell, appeals for an additional grant, every effort having been made to raise the necessary funds, yet a deficiency still exists of £419. The Church has been practically rebuilt, and will accommodate more worshippers than the old one.—Grant of £30 voted November, 1888. £10 added, making £40 in all.

V. MISSION BUILDINGS.

10.—M.B.F., No. 705.—ARPLEY ROAD, in the parish of Christ Church, Penge. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

II.—M.B.F., No. 686.—FURNACE, in the parish of Llanelly. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

12.—M.B.F., No. 714.—WINLATON, S. PAUL, near Blaydon-on-Tyne. Dio, Durham.—Deferred.

13.—No. 715.—ORE, CHRIST CHURCH, near Hastings. Dio. Chichester.—This parish numbers 5000 people, all poor, most of them very poor. Ore is just outside the Borough of Hastings, and rents are-cheap, so that all the roughest and worst of people come from the town. Over 400 are connected with the flower-selling trade, they will not enter a Church, and as there is a good Lay Reader, a place for Mission services is greatly needed. Hence a Mission Hall is a necessity; it will consist of a large hall to seat 300 and a smaller room for Mothers' Meetings, Bible Classes, &c. The building will be under the management of five trustees, viz. Archdeacon of Lewes, Rector of Ore, Vicar and Churchwardens of Christ Church. The estimated cost is £785, and the building will hold 470 persons. Applicant, Rev. F. La Trobe Foster.—£30 voted.

Summary, arranged according to Dioceses:-

No. of C	Frants.			Diocese.				Amount.
I				Winchester				£100
I		•		Bath and W	7ells			40
1				Chester				80
I				Chichester				30
I				Hereford				50
1				Manchester				15
I		•		Norfolk				50
1		0		Oxford				25
I				S. Asaph				60
9	•					То	tal	£450

These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:—

8		General Fund	£420
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Little Meols, S. Andrew, Cheshire.

It is proposed to meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing population of the parish of West Kirby by the erection of a new Church in the road to Hoylake.

The site has been given by Lord Stanley of Alderley. It is about an acre in extent, and will afford space for a parsonage-house to be erected at a future time. This site, which is in the township of Little Meols, and was in the ecclesiastical parish of Hoylake, has been with the consent of the authorities restored to the parish of West Kirby, a new boundary having been fixed between the two parishes.

The new Church, of which we give an illustration, will be built of local stone, with red tiled roofs, the spire being oak-

shingled.

The cost of the Church is estimated at £5000, but it is proposed in the first instance to build the nave only, at a cost of £3000 to £3500. The Diocesan Church Building Society has made a grant of £200 to the complete Church.

Church of S. Alban, South Aorwood.

A NEW Church to be dedicated to S. Alban is in course of erection in the parish of S. John the Evangelist. The parish is very long and narrow, with the bulk of the population living at the two extremes. S. John's Church having been erected at the Upper Norwood end, in the midst of the more well-to-do population, the people at the Croydon and Thornton Heath end are a mile and a half to two miles distant from the Church. To provide for their needs a mission-room with a chancel was built, capable of holding 200 persons, but this accommodation is now quite inadequate, and strenuous efforts are being made by the people of the district to build the first portion of a new Church. This portion, which is to seat over 400 persons, will cost from £1500 to £1600. About £800 have been collected, nearly exclusively from the poor part of the district, since owing to there still being a debt upon S. John's, the people at that end





of the parish are unable to help. The Incorporated Church Building Society has promised a grant of £300, but only a part of this will be available for the portion of the Church now being erected. Thus there still remains about £700 to be raised in order that this part may be consecrated free of debt in October..

The following is a description of the Church as designed It is rectangular in plan and will seat about 800 persons. A vaulted narthex at the west end, separated from the Church by iron grills, is 13 feet 6 inches wide, the principal porch being at the south end, and another entrance at the north end of narthex. The nave is 89 feet long and 29 feet 6 inches wide, with aisles making a total width of 50 feet 6 inches. This is very severe and plain; the nave arches and piers and other simple dressings being of Bath stone, the walls finished with plaster. Above the nave arches is a plain band for fresco painting and a clerestory of lancet windows. The chancel, separated from the nave by a more richly moulded chancel arch, is rather more ornate in character, with tracery windows and iron grills separating it from the aisles and east wall. The length is 44 feet, the width being the same as the nave. Owing to the restricted area of the site and the fall of the ground, a chapel and vestries are placed below the chancel, and in consequence the chancel floor is raised 3 feet above the nave. The altar, surmounted by a richly carved stone baldachino, is raised on steps 4 feet above the chancel, and thus is at an elevation of 7 feet above the nave floor. The chapel, 36 feet long and 14 feet wide, is approached by two flights of steps from the north and south aisles respectively, descending transversely below the broad central flight of steps leading from nave to chancel. The chapel will be vaulted with stone ribs springing from the floor. A tracery window will be at the east end. Above the narthex is a musician's gallery, and there are organ chambers north and south at entrance of chancel. The roofs throughout are very low in pitch; in the nave and aisles the rafters will be visible, in the chancel the roof will be panelled with moulded ribs. The exterior is of red brick with stone facings. The total cost is estimated at from £8000 to £9000, and the architects are Messrs. Bucknall & Cowper, 7, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

Sawley, Derby.

WE have proof of Sawley pertaining to the See of Lichfield more than two centuries before the compiling of Domesday Book. In the year 822, Bishop Ethelwald first appointed prebendaries in his Cathedral Church of Lichfield. One of them was styled the Prebendary of Sawley (or Sallow, as it used always, up to comparatively modern days, to be termed), from the estates there that pertained to the See.

A chantry, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, was founded in Sawley Church by Ralph de Chaddesden.

The Church, dedicated to All Saints, consists of an exceptionally wide nave, side aisles, south porch, chancel, and tower, surmounted by a spire, at the west end. The measurements of the area are: nave, 52 feet 3 inches by 27 feet; north aisle, 49 feet 8 inches by 16 feet 8 inches; south aisle, 49 feet 8 inches by 9 feet 6 inches; and chancel, 42 feet 10 inches by 18 feet 3 inches.

Seeing that we know that there was a Church here in 822, Saxon work is naturally looked for in this fabric. Nor is the expectation disappointed. The archway into the chancel is a semicircular one, rising from plain imposts; the masonry above the arch, and on the north side within the chancel, is rude, and a small part of herring-bone work can be detected. This is undoubtedly Saxon.

An incidental proof of the substantial character and size of the old Saxon Church of Sawley is found in the fact that it does not seem to have been in any way enlarged or materially repaired in the Norman era, though we know that Sawley was then a place of some repute.

The next oldest work to the Saxon is to be found in the Early English, widely-splayed lancet window in the west wall of the south aisle; and also in the Early English responds at the east end of the nave arcades, which consist of three clustered columns. They are late in the style, and tend to show that the Church was extensively rebuilt about the middle of the 13th century.

The decorated work of this Church seems to extend from about 1290 to 1320. The south aisle is the earliest work of that style; especially can this be noted in the doorway within the porch.



SAWLEY, DERBY.



The nave is separated from the aisles, on each side, by an arcade of four pointed arches, resting on octagon columns, and on corresponding responds at the west end. The north wall of the north aisle has a pointed doorway of early decorated character.

In the south wall of the chancel, towards the west end, is an external founder's recess.

Between the two north windows of the chancel is an altar tomb, projecting from an ogee-shaped canopy, with crocketed pinnacles and finial.

Below the two-light perpendicular window in the north chancel wall is a double locker or almery, still bearing the marks of the bolts and hinges. The whole of the tower and spire are also of 15th century work.

There is a good perpendicular roof to the nave with large bosses.

The chancel was restored in 1865, and the Church has of late undergone several alterations, viz. removal of western galleries and pews; Early English lancet window unblocked; western doorway thrown open, and new oak doors added. It is now proposed to thoroughly restore the nave and aisles.

Messrs. Evans & Jolley, architects, Nottingham, report, "We find that many of the timbers on the nave and north aisle are very much decayed, and require immediate attention."

The lead is much decayed and the floors in the nave and aisles should be taken up.

It is now proposed to partially re-roof the nave and aisles, taking down the high deal pews, repairing the old Elizabethan benches, and putting down new floors, where necessary, of oak blocks; scraping the paint and plaster off the walls, and rehanging the bells, with a new floor to support them (they are dangerous to ring); turning the belfry-tower floor into a vestry, and the making of a channel round the whole Church so as to draw the water off the roofs away, &c., &c., at a probable cost of £1500.

Sawley is an exceptionally poor parish, the parishioners consisting entirely of the agricultural and working classes. They are doing their very best towards the end.

Reviews, Antices, &c.

THERE is no preacher of the present day in the Church of England who has done more to emphasize the great doctrine of the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour than Dr. Liddon. His Bampton Lectures three-and-twenty years ago bore a testimony to the Divinity of Jesus Christ which has had, and will continue to have a great influence upon the whole teaching power of the Church of England. We noticed some little while ago his collected series on the Resurrection, and now we are pleased to call attention to another series bearing the title Christmastide Sermons (Rivingtons). The title does not adequately express the scope or indicate fully the ground covered by these profound and eloquent discourses. The Incarnation is the subject-matter of the theme which underlies them all; and, arranged in the order of the Church's Calendar, and not as they were delivered, they extend from the Festival of S. Thomas to the season of Epiphany. We have not space to make quotations, but it is needless to remark that the volume is no whit behind its predecessors in clear and cogent reasoning, in profound scholarship and in eloquent oratory. Perhaps, if one may single out a specimen when all is of such a high type, that bearing the title "Good out of Evil," preached on S. Stephen's Day, strikes us as being particularly effective.

Illustrations are often said to be like windows, letting in light upon the subject under consideration, and by her book entitled *Illustrations on the Creed* (Rivingtons), the Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (Miss Wordsworth), has done good service not only to the class of young-lady students to whom the addresses were given, but also to those in the busy workaday world who desire to have light thrown upon the Articles of the Christian Faith, who realize that "the Creed ought to be so completely ours—ought so to penetrate our whole being, that there should be no moment in our lives, say in the bustle of a London thoroughfare, behind the counter of a shop, or even at a concert or a popular lecture, when it should seem out of place any more than the thought of a mother's love" (Preface). Surely in this busy, bustling nineteenth century many would "hold the Catholic Faith" with joy, and earnestly contend for it, if only it lightened their darkness and refreshed their souls with "the melodies of its everlasting chime," enabling them to ply "their task with busier feet." One or two extracts will show that the Illustrations are varied and bring light from many sources.

In the address on the Belief in God, as the first cause, a child in the nursery is instanced as aware that effects are produced by causes, and that he, tiny as he is, possesses in himself an initiating cause, a will which itself acts as a cause.

Again, in the address on "The Forgiveness of Sins," its author, speaking of the question of Free Will, says: "Its exercise is quite a different thing from the mere balancing of a lower against a higher good. . . . It is the consistent following out of an ideal of some kind. . . . Such an ideal often has to be realized in the teeth of material obstacles. For the highest and noblest, this endeavour is like the quest of the Sangraal... the pursuit of which often leads the worshipper through the wilderness of the phenomenal world, wherein he often seems at the mercy of the elements, but is in reality free, because he has a purpose which has come to him independently of all conditions, and which he would rather die than forsake. . . . Who would account for a character like General Gordon's on principles either of Utilitarianism or Hedonistic Evolution?" (p. 289).

This address would, we are sure, do much to hearten many a weary toiler who yet has not quite given up his quest for his Ideal of Perfection. The book contains many references and quotations from standard works which are specially valuable to those whose library is small and reading limited. We wish the book God-speed.

Quarterly List of Amounts received, from all Sources, in aid of the Church Building Society.

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Special Appeals.

TWO THOUSAND POUNDS required to reconstruct a badly-built church. Parishioners all poor, and the few property-owners in difficulties. Urgent need. Address: Rev. W. Hooper, Shadforth Rectory, Durham.

A PPEAL FOR AID.—£400, or 3200 half-crowns, required to complete the rebuilding of the ancient Chapel of Chilton-super-Polden. Pray help a poor Parish. Contributions thankfully received by the Incumbent, or by Messrs. Stuckey and Co., Bankers, Bridgwater.

MISSION-ROOM, BROMPTON, CHATHAM.—A Mission-room is much needed for this poor and populous parish, the cost of which is estimated at £1000. Amount already received or promised, £584 17s. The following donations have since been received and are gratefully acknowledged:—The Right Rev. the Bishop of Rochester, £10; Right Rev. Bishop Perry, £2 2s.; Mrs. William Conway, £10; The Venerable the Archdeacon of Rochester, £3 3s.; The Very Reverend the Dean of Westminster, £2 2s.; Incorporated Church Building Society, £20. Donations towards the above object will be gratefully received by

Dr. Weekes, Treasurer, Mansion House, Brompton, Chatham, or the Honorary Secretary, Brompton Vicarage, or may be paid into the account of "Brompton Mission Room," London and Provincial Bank, Chatham.

THRIST CHURCH MISSION, COLLEGE PARK, KENSAL GREEN, W.—This Mission district contains a growing population of about 10,000 people. For six years the only Church of England place of worship there was a small shop, capable of accommodating sixty people in great discomfort. A new Mission-room has just been dedicated by the Bishop of Marlborough. It provides for 350 worshippers. A debt of £200 hangs over the building, not including a large room, which, for want of another £200, has been for the present omitted. The Bishop of London "warmly recommends this case to the liberality of all Christian people." The Bishop of Marlborough, after a visit of inspection, writes thus:- 'The difficulties attending this Mission are great. The population is rapidly increasing, and very poor. I consider the case very urgent. I trust that you will receive assistance from outside, without which I fear you will not be able to complete the Church and carry on the work. I feel sure that the poverty of the district is so great that assistance from outside is needed as much and as sorely as in any district in the whole Diocese of London." G. A. Spottiswoode, Esq., Vice-chairman of the House of Laymen, wrote as follows:-"I do not know of any place in the Diocese more really destitute, or where a strenuous effort is more necessary than the district of Christ Church, College Park." Treasurer, E. Parker Young, Esq., M.R.C.S. and City Councillor, 30, Westbourne Square, W. Honorary Secretary, The Rev. William M. Blandford, Mission Curate, I, Manor Park Crescent, Harlesden, N.W. Cheques to be crossed National Bank, S. Peter's Park, W.

A new Church is urgently needed in the place of the present barn-like, damp, and comfortless structure. Estimated total cost, £7000. Nearly £4000 has, with great difficulty, been collected in a town and neighbourhood which are really poor. Rather more than £3000 is still required, and an earnest appeal is made to Churchmen generally for aid in raising this sum, so that the building may be proceeded with immediately. The very marked and steady increase of the Church's influence in this, the most important centre in Western Wales, makes the work in hand all the more pressing, and important to the Church at large—DO, THEREFORE, HELP US. Contributions, either towards the general fund or towards any special portion of the fabric or furniture, will be most thankfully received by the Rev. J. H. Protheroe, Vicar of Aberystwyth. Cheques should be crossed "National Provincial Bank, Aberystwyth."

CHURCH OF S. ALBAN, SOUTH NORWOOD.—A description of the Church with an illustration of the interior, will be found in this number of the Church Builder. The Committee appeal earnestly to those able to assist them in their endeavours to raise the necessary funds towards this new and much-needed Church, taking into consideration that the Church is for the poor, and that the amount of £800 already collected is large for a district of this kind. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by E. Burrough, Esq. (Treasurer), Eanswythe, Thornton Heath, S.E.; by the Vicar of S. John's, Rev. W. F. La Trobe Bateman, S. John's, Norwood; or by the Priest-in-Charge of S. Alban's, Rev. A. C. Scott, 9, Upper Grove, South Norwood.

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THE CHURCH BUILDER.

NEW SERIES.

The Society's Work.

A MEETING of the Committee of the Society, being the last of the Session, was held at the Offices of the Society, 7, Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, S.W., on Thursday, July the 18th, 1889, at 2 p.m.

Present—The Rev. C. F. NORMAN in the Chair.

Rev. Canon CAZENOVE.	JAMES HILTON, Esq.
Rev. C. ALFRED JONES.	G. Alan Lowndes, Esq.
Rev. C. WYATT-SMITH.	ATHELSTAN RILEY, Esq.
J. F. FRANCE, Esq.	EDWARD THORNTON, Es
Rev. R. MILBURN	BLAKISTON, Secretary.

The available balances in hand were:-

General Fund Mission Buildings Fund				£13	767	CT 4 5 6
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The Finance Report was prepared by the Rev. George Miller, the Rev. C. Wyatt-Smith, Arthur Powell, Esq., and the Rev. R. Milburn Blakiston, Secretary.

The following applications were then considered and dealt with as stated:—

I. BUILDING ADDITIONAL NEW CHURCHES.

1.—No. 9353.—LANGLEY GREEN, S. MICHAEL, near Birmingham. Dio. Worcester.

—This is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, and has an area of 1100 acres, with a population of over 10,000, and Church accommodation for only 380 persons. The place is rapidly growing, especially in the direction of the site of the

new Church. The rights of present Church are to be transferred to the new one. The Church will be virtually free, only that the one half will be reserved for or temporarily appropriated to old parishioners. Estimated cost, £4000; to hold 600 people. Applicant, Rev. M. Pryor; Joint Architects, Messrs. Osborn & Reading, Birmingham; Messrs. Wood & Kendrick, West Bromwich.—£150 voted.

II. REBUILDING ON SAME OR NEW SITE.

2.—No. 9361.—BEELSBY, S. ANDREWS, near Great Grimsby. Dio. Lincoln.—This Church was built A.D. 1250. Of the original fabric only the nave and about half the chancel remain, and they are in a most dilapidated condition. The Church, which formerly possessed a tower with a peal of bells, two aisles, and a lady-chapel, became a ruin, but it is not known at what date. It is now proposed to rebuild the nave and to restore the chancel to its original length. Nearly all the inhabitants are labourers. They only number 171. The parish belongs to two owners who farm their land but do not reside here. The estimated cost is £1350. Applicant, Rev. H. Greenwood; Architect, Mr. J. Fowler, Louth.—£30 voted.

3.—No. 9369.—EPPING, S. JOHN BAPTIST. Dio. S. Alban's.—The present ugly and inconvenient chapel was built in 1546, and was enlarged in 1832, assisted by a grant of £250 from this Society. It is to be pulled down and rebuilt, and the new Church will become the Parish Church; the present Parish Church, which is two miles and a half off, being converted into a Chapel of Ease for the benefit of Epping Upland. The population numbers 2343. Estimated cost of rebuilding, £10,000. Accommodation will be provided for 800. Applicant, Rev. E. Buckmaster; Architects, Messrs. Bodley & Garner, London.—£100 voted.

4.—No. 9363.—Toft Newton, SS. Peter and Paul, near Market Rasen. Dio. Lincoln.—This Church was built A.D. 1803, at a time when architecture was at its lowest ebb. It is almost unique amongst the churches of its date—its entire absence of anything in the way of interest, whilst its state of disrepair is very bad, almost a ruin. All the parishioners except the Rector and three farmers are of the poorer class. The population of the parish is but 70 persons. The new Church will cost £750, and will hold 67 people. Applicant, Rev. C. Wilkinson; Architect, Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, Durham.—£20 voted.

III. ENLARGING, OR RESEATING WITH REPAIRS.

5.—No. 9357.—ALDINGBOURNE, S. MARY, near Chichester. Dio. Chichester.—This Church was built A.D. IIIO, and partially repaired in 1830. The Bishop of Chichester stated that "the repaired chancel put to shame the unrepaired, uncomfortable, unsightly nave, where they were seated in different compartments, square boxes, so that if he in the pulpit was not at that great height above them he could not discover the faces of the congregation. When restored it would give increased accommodation; they would have more space for kneeling, and more opportunity of seeing their minister and hearing his instruction." Estimated cost, £1410. Applicant, Rev. W. W. Kelly; Architects, Messrs. Clayton & Black, Brighton.—£15 voted.

6.—No. 9366.—Alkerton, S. Michael, near Banbury. Dio. Oxford.—Deferred.

7.—No. 9368.—Cudham, SS. Peter and Paul, near Orpington. Dio. Canterbury.—This Church was repaired in 1854, assisted by a grant of £90 from this Society. As regards this once beautiful fabric, which has been sadly mutilated, there is altogether a serious amount of dilapidation to be made good. The parish of

Cudham is one of large extent, containing 5925 acres of wild upland character. The resident population, with one exception, is entirely composed of poor people of the labouring class, numbering over 1000. Estimated cost, £2369. Applicant, Rev. H. L. Freer; Architect, Mr. Ewan Christian, London.—£30 voted.

8.—No. 9360.—Heeley, Christ Church, near Sheffield. Dio. York.—Deferred.

9.—No. 9358.—HORFIELD, HOLY TRINITY, near Bristol. Dio. Gloucester and Bristol.—The Church of this parish was enlarged in 1836, assisted by a grant of £130 voted from this Society. In 1847 the Church was rebuilt, when a further grant of £60 was voted. The parishioners have done their utmost, consequently it is found a very hard matter to make fresh appeals to those who have helped so largely, and there are so many appeals from other centres within the city of Bristol. A substantial grant is asked to help the work. The estimated cost is £1575. Applicant, Rev. F. Bingham; Architects, Messrs. Crisp & Oatley, Bristol. £80 voted conditionally.

10.—No. 9354.—Hyson Green, S. Paul, near Nottingham. Dio. Southwell.—This Church was built A.D. 1833, assisted by a grant of £300 from this Society. The parish has increased rapidly in population; so much so that although formerly a small village it has now a population of 15,000 people. The Church will only seat a little over 400, and has been found altogether inadequate to meet the requirements of the parish and congregation. Hyson Green has suffered terribly for some time owing to the depression in the staple trades of this town. Estimated cost, £1000. Applicant, Rev. J. Birchall; Architect, Mr. G. S. Doughty, Nottingham.—£60 voted.

II.—No. 8862.—Longfield, S. Mary Magdalen, near Dartford. Dio.

Rochester.—Deferred.

12.—No. 9340.—MIDDLESBROUGH, S. HILDA. Dio. York.—Deferred.

13.—No. 9364.—Pontnewydd, Holy Trinity, in the parish of Llanfrechfa Upper, near Newport. Dio. Llandaff.—This Church was erected 1857, assisted by a grant of £200 from this Society. The poverty of Pontnewydd is great, the entire population is composed of miners, coal and ironworkers, with the exception of the resident medical man and the Vicar. Dissent has until within the last few years been in possession of the parish, ten chapels having been built; these happily now are much diminished in power and attendance. The Church having made considerable strides, hence the necessity for increased accommodation. Estimated cost, £687. Applicant, Rev. J. R. Phillips; Architect, Mr. E. M. Bruce Vaughan, Cardiff.—£40 voted.

14.-No. 9355. -THAME, S. MARY. Dio. Oxford.-Deferred.

IV. MISSION BUILDINGS.

15.—M.B.F., No. 705.—ARPLEY ROAD, PENGE. Dio. Rochester.—Deferred.

16.—M.B.F., No. 686.—FURNACE, in the parish of Llanelly. Dio. S. David's.—Deferred.

17.—M.B.F., No. 714.—WINLATON, S. PAUL, near Blaydon-on-Tyne. Dio. Durham.—Deferred.

18.—M.B.F., No. 720.—BRIDGEHAMPTON and SPECKINGTON, in the parish of Yeovilton, near Ilchester. Dio. Bath and Wells.—The village in which it is proposed to erect this Mission Church contains a population of 100 persons; the nearest Church (the Parish Church) is two miles distant, but somewhat nearer by the fields, but this way is impossible in the winter. It will hold 60, and the estimated cost is £225. Applicant, Rev. H. Roc.—£10 voted.

19.—M.B.F., No. 722.—CYMMER, in the parish of Llangynwyd, near Bridgend. Dio, Llandaff.—Deferred.

20.—M.B.F., No. 724.—ELLERBY, in the parish of Swine, near Hull. Dio. York.—Deferred.

21.—M.B.F., No.721.—ROMFORD, S. ALBAN'S. Dio. St. Alban's.—The district in which it is proposed to erect this Mission Church has a population of 2000 people, and the nearest Church is one and a half miles distant. The building is to be used for Divine services only. It will hold 200, and the cost is estimated at £900. Applicant, Rev. F. A. Alban Wyld.—£50 voted.

22.—M.B.F., No. 725.—PRATT'S BOTTOM, in the Parish of Chelsfield. Dio.

Canterbury.—Deferred.

23.—M.B.F., No. 723.—MISSION HOUSE, S. JUDE'S, PECKHAM. Dio. Rochester.—Declined.

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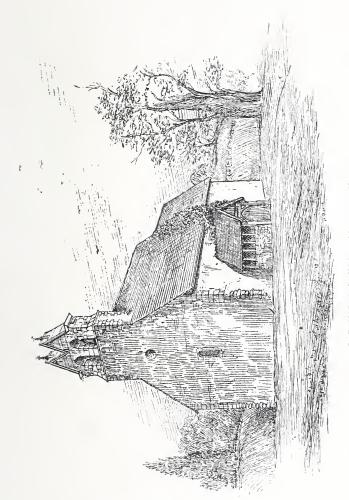
These grants were voted from the several Funds as follows:-

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S. Pancras Church, Coldred, Kent.

THE little Parish Church of Coldred is of very remarkable interest even in a county where almost every Church is of value to the archæologist. It stands in one corner, within an ancient



S. PANCRAS CHURCH, COLDRED, KENT.



earthwork formed by a deep ditch and high bank, doubtless a British oppidum, or fortified town. Almost all the windows are single lights of early Norman date, deeply splayed internally. When the Church was visited by the British Archæological Association in 1883, Mr. E. P. Loftus Brock, F.S.A., architect, pointed out that while the angles of the walls are formed of rough masses of flint, they had been repaired with wrought stone quoins in many places, these stones having Norman toolmarks. There is nothing distinctive in the rough masonry of the walls, but the evidence referred to shows that if it was repaired in early Norman times, it must itself be of earlier date. The very early foundation is also favoured by the dedication, the Church being one of the very few in the county dedicated to the early Saint Pancras. A single window, a small circular one, in the west gable, now blocked, is most probably of the early Saxon date which Mr. Loftus Brock suggests for the walls, since it is, unlike all the others, formed of flints and not of wrought stones. There is a fairly good square-headed window on the south side of the nave, of fourteenth-century date, and the nave roof and the two doorways are of the same period. The bell-cot is also of the fourteenth century. The stonework of the east and side windows of the chancel is modern, in the style of the fifteenth century. There is no chancel arch, and no indication that there ever was one. The single bell remaining in one of the arches of the bell-cot is of the same date as the masonry.

It seems to be a pity that a Church of so much interest, and which is well attended by its congregation, should have been allowed to remain in so poor a condition for so many past years, and not made more fitting for its sacred uses, and for the convenience of those who worship within its ancient walls.

It is intended that the works shall be confined to the much-needed repairs to the roof and walls; removing the accumulated earth from the exterior to prevent the rising of damp; a new vestry, there being none at present; and the rebuilding of a modern porch, which is falling. Every ancient feature of the fabric will be very carefully preserved. The estimate is

£300, towards which the Rev. C. B. Shirres, Vicar of Sibertswold and Coldred, invites assistance.

The plans have been prepared, and the work will be super-intended, by Mr. Loftus Brock.

The Tower and Spire of S. Michael's Church, Coventry.

In the spring of the present year the vicar and churchwardens of S. Michael's, Coventry, called on the Secretary of the Incorporated Church Building Society and inquired if the Committee of Honorary Consulting Architects would give an opinion "as to whether the bells might go back in the old tower of this Church or not." This was followed by a letter from the vicar, dated 13th March, 1889, making the request in the words above printed within inverted commas.

The subsequent proceedings are fully set out in the following letter:—

To the Secretary, Incorporated Church Building Society.

S. Michael's Church, Coventry.

DEAR SIR,—Agreeably to the arrangement made between the vicar and church-wardens of the parish of S. Michael's, Coventry, and the General Committee of the Incorporated Church Building Society, the Committee of Honorary Consulting Architects was requested to survey the recently restored western tower of the Church, and to give their opinion as to the possibility of hanging the existing peal of bells therein, without risk to the stability of the fabric.

A meeting of the Committee of Architects was accordingly summoned, and after general consideration of the subject the duty was undertaken, and a Sub-Committee appointed to visit the Church.

On the 2nd May, the following members of the Committee proceeded to Coventry, accompanied as you know by yourself:—Messrs. R. H. Carpenter, Ewan Christian, James Brooks, J. P. Seddon, Wm. White.

They were met at the Church by the local Committee and the bellfounders, Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and were attended by Mr. Scott and Mr. Webster, the clerk of works, under whose direction the repair of the tower had been executed.

After hearing from Mr. Scott and Mr. Webster a statement respecting the condition of the tower before repairs were executed, and an account of the structure of the walls as revealed during the progress of the works; and after examining the drawings and sections of the foundations of the north and western walls as originally built, and now made good; they proceeded to examine, story by story, into the condition of the

restored walls from the ground upwards to the level of the octagonal lantern, which forms the base of the spire.

The result of a very careful inspection and examination was the conclusion, unanimously agreed to, that the work of repair had, in every part and in every respect, been most thoroughly and soundly done; and that, taking into account the solid underpinning of the base of the north and west walls, there could be little doubt that, structurally speaking, the tower was now in better and sounder condition than, from the want of proper foundation, it had previously been at any period of its existence.

As regards the spire it was impracticable to make a similar examination, but the evidence both of Mr. Scott as architect and Mr. Webster as clerk of works, led to a similar conclusion in respect of its present structural condition.

With regard to the octagonal lantern, the statement of Mr. Webster showed that, excepting one comparatively unimportant fracture, nothing unsound was discovered in any of its enclosing walls; but Mr. Thompson states that certain stones connecting it with the base of the spire were fractured. This fact, considering that the whole spire rests upon the lantern, is most important, as showing that the numerous fractures in the spire itself were not the result of any defect or weakness in the octagonal stage below it, but rather of bad bonding, and the general inferior character of a large portion of the masonry which formed its walls. As the spire has been partially rebuilt and wholly restored on the same principles as were followed in the tower, the Committee could only conclude that its present condition must in respect of masonry be equally good.

As regards the cause of the original failure of the tower, and its divergence from the perpendicular, the evidence adduced on the spot could only point to one conclusion. The tower was originally built with its northern face on the edge of a stone-quarry, which the buttresses on that side actually overhung, the solid rock being at a considerable depth from the surface, and at the north-west corner as much as thirty-two feet; it is therefore in no way surprising that the original foundation of the walls being based on unsound ground, it settled in that direction, and by reason of doing so, caused the serious cross-strains upon the side walls which resulted in the fractures until recently existing in all its stages. This very serious defect having now, by substantial underpinning, been effectually remedied, the tower, excepting as regards its overhanging, may be considered as completely restored to the condition intended by its original builders; and it remains to be considered how far their design was adequate for the purpose to which it is now proposed it should be devoted.

In respect of structure, it may be said that, excepting at the base, where its buttresses are small, and the walls are pierced on three sides by lofty and large windows, and on the fourth by an archway next the nave, the design of the tower is good; the walls are substantial, and, with the exception of a central core of unusual soundness, are built in coursed and solid masonry.

As regards design, the weak points of the tower for the purpose intended may be taken to be the following:—

- 1. The large openings in the insufficiently buttressed base or ground-story.
- 2. The great height of the interior without floors or intermediate cross-bracing.

As regards the latter point, it was doubtless always intended that the interior should be open, though considering the one-sided relation of the tower to the nave, and the impossibility with an arch of the height of that in the east wall of seeing the upper part of the lantern, it is difficult to understand why it should be so.

3. The deviation from the perpendicular caused by the original settlement: this cause of weakness has now been remedied.

The Committee of Architects at a subsequent meeting, when they had the additional

advantage of the presence of Mr. Pearson, having takeu all these and other like points into their consideration, and after full discussion of the subject in all its bearings, unanimously arrived at the following conclusions:—

1. That the tower at present is not sufficiently strong to receive, for purposes of ringing, the peal of bells which it is desired to hang therein.

2. That if the Church Restoration Committee desire that the bells shall be so hung, the following works must be executed, such works to be carried out by Mr. Thompson as contractor, under the superintendence of Mr. Scott as architect:—

First: The north and south windows, including their external and internal arches in the ground-story of the tower, must be taken out and replaced by solid masonry through the whole thickness of the wall, combined with powerful central buttresses of adequate width and projection; the said buttresses to be carried up at least as far as the springing of the windows on the second story of the tower, or about sixty feet from the level of the floor.

Second: The ground-story of the tower to be corbel-groined above the west window arch, and the angles of the tower over the groining to be strengthened by cross-masonry of solid landings up to level of the first string, or about forty-seven feet from the floor.

Third: At the level of the said string, and on the groined corbelling, the ringers' floor must be constructed.

Fourth: At the level of the base of the third story of the tower, a powerful framed floor of rolled iron girders must be introduced, and firmly secured to the walls for the support of the bell-framing, the said floor to be covered on the top with lead, and the windows of the third story to be left entirely open.

Fifth: At the upper portion of this story, and at each angle, a series of solid Yorkstone corbel courses, commencing at the level of the springing of the window arches, must be introduced, well bonded into the side walls, for the purpose of strengthening the angles of the tower, at the base of the windows of the fourth or uppermost story.

Lastly, the bells to be hung in one stage, and on one level, and in strong, well-braced frames of a form to be finally approved by the architect.

The Committee cannot conclude without an expression of their regret that the advice of the architect, on the suggestion of Mr. Thompson, for increasing the thickness and strength of the lower portion of the walls with solid and substantial masonry, and enlarged buttresses, was not adopted, as it would unquestionably have considerably increased the solidity, without in any way lessening the beauty of the tower.

Finally, although not unanimous on this point, the Committee as archæologists think it only right to express their opinion that it is undesirable that the authentic design of one of the finest towers in England should be interfered with, merely for the purpose of ringing a peal of bells, the hanging of which within its walls the original designers, it is quite certain, could never have contemplated.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)
(Subject to the rider annexed) EWAN CHRISTIAN.

R. HERBERT CARPENTER.
JAMES BROOKS.
WILLIAM WHITE.
JOHN P. SEDDON.

[Rider.]

I dissent from the archæological view expressed in the last clause of the foregoing report in the belief that the additions proposed, if properly designed and carried out, would in no respect injure the general design of the tower, but would rather improve it by adding solidity to the base, in which, both in a constructive and architectural sense, it is at present deficient.

I also think that the execution of such works for a desirable object would be quite in accordance with mediæval principles and practice.

I may add that Mr. Pearson agrees with my view in this matter, but that not being a member of the Sub-Committee, and consequently not having signed the report, he cannot either sign this qualifying note.

July 18th, 1889.

EWAN CHRISTIAN. (Signed)

Although the letter below did not pass through the office of the Society, it has already been printed, and the history of this important matter would not be complete if it were omitted here :-

To the Restoration Committee of S. Michael's Church, Coventry.

23, Grosvenor Road, Westminster, 27th July, 1889.

GENTLEMEN, -One of the members of the Sub-Committee of the Honorary Architects of the Incorporated Church Building Society-Mr. Ewan Christian-having. without our knowledge, appended a rider to our report as unanimously agreed upon, disputing, with reasons, its last clause, we feel it incumbent on us to explain and defend our own position with respect to it, and to give the reasons which we should have introduced had we known that such a rider would be added.

We consider that the additions, conditionally suggested, howsoever designed and carried out, would injure the general design of the tower, and, indeed, completely change its almost unique character, standing as it does at the west end of the Church on four arches, after the usual type of a central tower, but with three sides exposed and filled in with windows; the north and south sides, equally with the west front, are extremely beautiful, and with ample solidity for the original purpose, which was not to hold such a heavy peal of bells as the present.

We do not consider it would be a "desirable object" to so convert it into a belltower for ringing a heavy peal; and though the altering of an earlier design was frequently the practice with mediæval architects, we entirely dissent from the implication that any such practice of theirs would justify us in destroying the essential characteristics of their work.

For these "archæological" reasons we are strongly opposed to so great a change in the design of this tower as would be involved by the alteration above referred to.

Looking at the subject also from the architectural point of view, we are of opinion that the substitution of a solid wall and buttress for the side windows of the groundstory would destroy the balance of parts, and render necessary other alterations above, so that it is difficult to say where the requisite modifications should cease.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) JAMES BROOKS.

R. HERBERT CARPENTER. WILLIAM WHITE.

JOHN P. SEDDON.

Reviews, Aotices, &c.

Sunlight and Shadow in the Christian Life (Rivingtons) is the title given to a new volume of sermons by Canon Knox Little. They bear a more than usual interest from having been mostly delivered in Trinity Church, New York. The "slender thread of thought," as he describes it, connecting these sermons together, is that, in the Christian life, as in the Christian revelation, "there are dark shadows as well as the light of the morning." Abounding as they do in richness of eloquence and exuberance of illustration, there is no lack of sober practical teaching for everyday life. "The path of duty" and "The power of noble thoughts" are examples in which this is conspicuous. As a preacher who appeals to the emotions, Canon Knox Little has few equals in the present day.

The Oxford House Papers (Rivingtons) have reached No. XXI.; and this last issue is one of the most powerful of the series. Evolution and Christianity is no light subject to handle in an adequate manner in thirty-six pages, but Canon Aubrey Moore has given us in brief the results of a ripe scholarship and profound thought clothed in

simple language.

Volumes of sermons are so numerous nowadays that it might seem difficult to welcome a new one, but we venture to think that Canon Bright's volume (Rivingtons) of short helpful sermons on "The Incarnation as a Motive Power," will be gladly read and carefully pondered by many who are seeking for some "moral dynamic, motive, impulse, inspiration for good effort" (Preface, page xvi). We specially commend the Preface to the careful attention of the reader. Surely in our day we are learning that "to isolate any piece of revealed Truth from the rest . . . is the sure way to confusion, if not to heresy" (page viii). Again, is it not so that "the question of a supernatural Christ is seen to run up into the question of a living, moral, self-revealing God? . . . The abandonment of Christianity is found to be in effect the attenuation of Theism" (page xi). Amongst many suggestive sermons we would note specially that on "Spiritual Dimness;" "Hearing of God, or seeing Him;" "Christian Thoroughness;" "Warnings from the Seven Churches;" and "Christ's Presence amid Theological Studies," which, as preached at Cuddesdon in the first year of the episcopate of Bishop Mackarness, now lately called to his rest, will be of special interest to the clergy who looked up to him as their "Father in God."

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